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"Go Where They Are" Is Advice Given To S. S. Convention By Warren



Dr. E. C. Williams, state Baptist Sunday School secretary, talks over the night program with Dr. Casper C. Warren, of Charlotte, N. C., president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Warren was the principal speaker Monday night and Tuesday night at the statewide Sunday School convention held at the First Church, Jackson.

An outstanding program featured the State Sunday School Convention which was held on Monday and Tuesday of this week at Jackson's First Church. Inclement weather cut attendance below the number expected but a fine spirit prevailed throughout, according to Dr. E. C. Williams, state Sunday School secretary, who directed the program.

Dr. Williams released the latest Sunday School enrollment figures for the state, based on the 1955 association minutes. 287,392 enrolled in S.S.

There are now 287,392 enrolled in Mississippi Baptist Sunday Schools, an increase of 9,554 over the figure a year ago.

There were 128,294 enrolled in Vacation Bible schools this past summer, the largest number in history.

SBC President Spoke

The featured inspirational speaker was Dr. C. C. Warren, president of the Southern Convention. During his three messages he said:

"As commendable as they may be in facilities our present churches will never reach the multitudes. We must go where they are.

"The churches must break bounds if they are to reach the multitudes. When vision closes decay has already set in.

"Jesus saw the multitudes.

Dr. Nels Ferre and W. M. U. Speaker Southern Seminary

Editor's Note: The following letter from Badgett Dillard, Public Relations director of the seminary, to Marvin Clark, Brownwood, Texas, is printed in the hope that it may make clear the orthodoxy of the seminary which is being attacked so viciously through certain publications. No Baptist institution is perfect, and any might err in selecting its speakers. However, when such institution becomes cognizant of its mistake and then seeks to rectify the same it should have the moral support of all right-thinking persons rather than the continued assaults that willfully ignore the facts in the matter.

"It is good to find a young minister who follows the New Testament procedures with reference to accusations made against a fellow Christian. Thank you, therefore, for your letter inquiring about Dr. Nels F. Ferre and his relationship to Southern Seminary.

"Nine years ago Doctor Ferre delivered the Gay lectures on this campus. Then president of the seminary, Dr. Ellis Fuller disassociated, during the lectures, the seminary from the views of Doctor Ferre. This difference between the doctrinal position of the seminary and Professor Ferre was put in writing in the Review and Expositor published by the faculty of the seminary (October 1947) by Dr. Harold Tribble who was at that time professor of theology of Southern Seminary.

"Six years after delivering the lectures at Southern Seminary, which incidentally may be read in a book entitled 'Pillars of Faith,' Doctor Ferre enunciated in two books, 'The Christian Understanding of God and The Sun and the Umbrella,' theological views which have made him the object of vicious attacks by every fundamentalist in the United States.

"Prior to the attacks, however, the views in question had been severely condemned by members of the faculty of Southern Seminary.



Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr.

Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr., personnel secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, will be one of the principal speakers when the State W. M. U. Convention meets in Jackson's First Church, March 20-22.

Dr. West will speak Wednesday morning on "Advance in Missionary Personnel" and Wednesday evening on "Christ's Call to Royal Service." Up to 2000 women are expected for the convention which will begin Tuesday evening and adjourn at noon Thursday.

Presiding will be Miss Almarie Brown, Jackson, state president.

Sunday Schools Urged To Observe Mission Sunday

"What Would You Do?" will be the theme of the program suggested for "Home and Foreign Missions Day" to be observed in the Sunday Schools on Sunday, March 26.

Every Sunday School in the state is urged to observe the day with an appropriate program and take an offering for the cause of home and foreign missions, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Suggested program materials and posters have been sent to all superintendents, according to Dr. E. C. Williams, state Sunday School secretary.

Convention Total Gifts Reached Monthly Record

Swedish Baptists Set Visit To Russia

STOCKHOLM (RNS) — Six Swedish Baptist leaders will leave March 24 for a ten-day visit to Russia at the invitation of the All-Soviet Council of Evangelical Christians.

The delegation includes Ruben Swedberg, vice-president of the Swedish Baptist Union who is a member of Parliament; Erik Ruden, general director of the S.B.U.'s mission board; and the Rev. Joel Sorenson, Swedish pastor.

Also Eric Strutz, secretary of the mission board; Dr. Gunnar Westin, professor of church history at Uppsala University and a vice-president of the S.B.U.; and Arvid Svaerd, an editor of the Stockholm daily paper Svenska Morgonbladet.

Mississippi Stands Fifth In Total

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering have sent Southern Baptist Convention total monthly receipts to a new high of \$3,579,261, Treasurer Porter Routh announced.

This is the amount state Baptist conventions forwarded to the treasurer's office during February.

The special foreign missions receipts for February provided \$2,339,471 of the record total. During January and February, the total Lottie Moon gifts received by the treasurer have been \$3,659,969.

Total gifts, which include designated offerings and the undesignated contributions through the Cooperative Program, are running over 17 per cent higher so far in 1956 than they did for the comparable two months in 1955.

The 1956 total is \$6,145,279. The February treasurer's statement is that \$1,081,648 came in through the Cooperative Program, through which

Texas convention sent in a third of the record total—\$1,199,297 including \$952,422 designated. North Carolina followed with \$341,244 including designated offerings of \$275,226.

Other states contributing more than \$100,000 and their totals: South Carolina, \$333,277; Tennessee, \$219,849; Mississippi, \$197,802; Alabama, \$189,890; Missouri, \$180,603; Louisiana, \$170,964; Georgia, \$149,663; and Florida, \$140,132.

No monthly reports were received from state conventions in California and Oregon-Washington.

Whatever You Do About Soul-Winning Do It Now!

By Dr. Paul Caudill
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Memphis, Tenn.

Whatever Baptists hope to do about world evangelization, they had better get at it now, for the time for sowing and reaping may be shorter than we know.

This is the burning conviction that got hold of me as I returned from a world mission journey that took me 35,617 miles by air to a score of nations around the world.

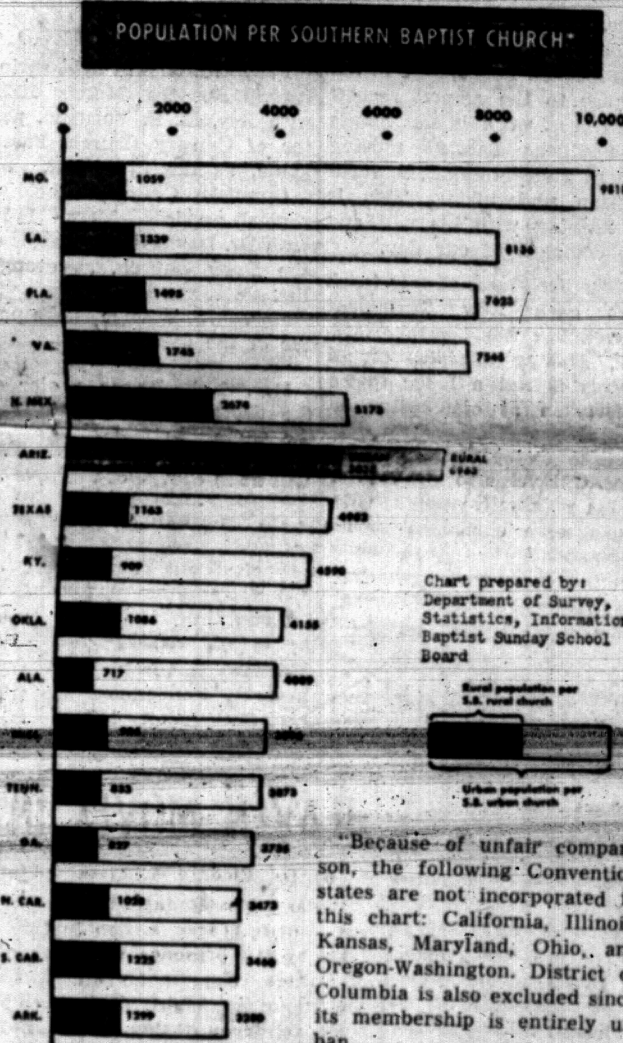
International tensions still prevail at many points throughout the world, and these tensions, as they mount in fury, continue to jeopardize our opportunities for evangelism. This is especially true in Korea, and in Formosa, where a single spark might easily ignite the whole world in the horrible flames of atomic war.

But it is also true in the land of our Saviour's birth where the Arab is arrayed against the Jew, and the Jew against the Arab, and where there is more than a remote possibility that our work in Arab lands might be suddenly terminated because of the rapidly rising spirit of extreme nationalism.

In India and Pakistan, the situation is little better. At New Delhi, I spent the better part of an evening in the home of Dr. K. N. Katju, minister of home affairs, in private conference, discussing visas for evangelical missionaries who desire to labor in that vast land of Christian opportunity. And after the conference, which was extremely cordial in every respect, I was able to see no immediate prospect that India will relax its present unfavorable position, and grant visas for our missionaries.

Doors Slowly Closing
Obviously the doors to world missions are slowly closing. Already the doors to China, closed for more than 800 million people—those behind the Iron Curtain and those behind the Bamboo Curtain. Wherever the materialistic way of communism has triumphed, opportunities for evangelism, in the traditional sense of the term, have abruptly ceased.

At the moment no less than one-third of the peoples of the earth are victims of hostile cir-



Why Don't Southern Baptists Observe Lent?

By Dr. E. N. Patterson

Why don't Southern Baptists observe Lent? This is a thought-provoking question. I am sure that many people have wondered why Southern Baptist churches do not take part in the observance of Lent; however, I can think of a number of reasons why churches have refused to follow this practice.

Southern Baptists question any practice that has been carried on through the years by the Roman Catholic Church and most of us believe this is a wise procedure. In some sections of the world, the Lenten Season is preceded by the most terrible immorality, drunkenness, and corruption in what is known as Mardi Gras.

No Christian can observe this debauchery without having a violent reaction to the sham and mockery of a false repentance. When I think of the question, Why don't Southern Baptists observe Lent? I suppose it is the same reason that has kept Southern Baptists from following other practices of the Roman Catholic Church.

Southern Baptists have never cared for the processional in the beginning of a service with someone carrying a golden cross in front of the procession.

BAPTIST CHURCHES OVERSEAS BAPTIZED 24,342 Last Year

Southern Baptists had 1,020 foreign missionaries in active service in 35 countries of the world at the close of 1955. Among them were 392 men, 402 married women, and 226 single women.

These figures, gleaned from the 1955 annual reports from the foreign mission fields, will be included in the Foreign Mission Board's report to the Southern Baptist Convention and will be published in The Field Is the World, annual publication of reports from the mission fields.

The 2,250 Baptist churches related to Southern Baptist work baptized 24,342 people last year, bringing the total membership of the churches to 236,494. (Figures from China have not been available since 1950.)

These churches were served by 1,541 national pastors and 130 missionary pastors. A total of 4,677 nationals worked alongside Southern Baptist missionaries in 1955.

Fourteen hundred and twenty-four of the churches are self-supporting; and all of them contributed the equivalent of

\$1,582,388.95 during the year. There was a total of 3,880 outstations at the end of the year, most of which will become churches.

The 3,209 Sunday schools on Mission fields showed an enrollment of 263,532; the 3,401

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Man Of Distinction

You'll never see the information given below in any of the liquor industry's ads in which they set forth the fact that liquor has something to do with "men of distinction."

According to the Methodist Board of Temperance, the FBI reports that, in 1954, 60.9 per cent of all persons held for prosecution in the nation's major cities were accused of alcohol-related offenses.

In other words, this nonpartisan government agency says that more than half of all crimes committed have a liquor background.

Certainly none of these relish prosecution or court appearance, but liquor made them "Men of Distinction."

HEAVEN MOVES INTO OUR HOMES

By Dr. Richard A. Elvey

It was a blessed day when Jesus Christ graced a wedding feast by His presence in Cana of Galilee. Here He performed the first of His mighty miracles. Here He demonstrated His interest in the everyday living of men and women.

It was another great day when as a result of the Reformation the Bible no longer was kept chained to pulpits in churches but was read by the common man at an altar of prayer in his own living room. Someone has well said, "Environment is man's second chance." You cannot do much about the color of your hair, the shape of your face, the stride in your walk, or the inherited tendencies that you have received from your forefathers, but you certainly can do something about the environment of your home.

If a home is to experience the blessing that flows from Jesus Christ, it will be a Bible centered home. No one can estimate the dividends that are received for time and eternity when father and mother, sons and daughters, gather around and look into this, the source book of all wisdom. Following the reading or quoting together of the Word of God by a time of prayer in which each member of the family participates will produce the tie that will indeed bind hearts and lives together.

Heaven moves into our homes when we read the Bible. With Christ the center of your life, kneeling at a common altar, dwelling in the Saviour's love, speaking a language all of you understand, and having the hope in your hearts of which neither is ashamed; this makes for a home with harmony and peace and happiness. Plan for it. Pray for it. Prepare for it. Fortunate that home where father and mother and children can kneel before an undivided altar and dismiss their problems in the presence of a loving, prayer-hearing God "with whom can be no variation neither shadow that is cast by turning" (James 1:17, RV).

A Bible reading home is an intelligent home. Bible reading in your home will help you to live intelligently. Man seems to know more today about everything else than he does about himself. Without doubt the greatest art is the art of living, and the application of a little Biblical intelligence in the average home would transform it from a dog house to a palace. The Bible is the source book of spiritual power. It will help you to fight against any force or evil, or habit, carelessness or negligence that would separate you in spirit and in love. This Bible, the source book of all wisdom, will make a home that allows for the free play of affections between father and mother and parents and children, a home which will be full of kind deeds, a home which constantly will have gentle and affectionate words and speeches. 'Tis a word that's quickly spoken

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Circulation Still Going Up — This Week 89,227

Dr. Nels Ferre . . .

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thern seminary in The Review and Expositor.

"Southern seminary has consistently refused to sink to the level of mud-slinging and name-calling engaged in by certain fundamentalists who have therefore ignored every statement published by the faculty or administration of Southern seminary and have attempted to equate the views of Doctor Ferre, given in the last two books mentioned above, with the views of Southern seminary.

"Without too much presumption may I warn you against drinking of the polluted streams which flow from these men who have been antagonistic through the years to Southern Baptist personalities, programs, and agencies. Your letter indicates concern that there have not been published specific denials of the charges made by such publications.

"Let me call your attention to the following facts: first, the position of Southern seminary on all issues involved has been in print for some time, but obviously has not been read by you and many others.

"Second, the only way to reach the people disturbed by these scavenger publications would be to run an article in the publications, which would serve to dignify that which deserves no dignity.

"Third, George Truett and his colleagues learned the hard way that there is only one procedure for handling unprincipled critics—ignore them.

"It is my prayer that throughout your life you will not make the mistake of assuming that a Southern Baptist agency is above criticism but that you will always follow the practice of this instance in which you have made your own investigation of critical accusations."

—The Baptist Standard

Baptist Churches . . .

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youth groups, 101,740; and the 2,861 missionary societies, 62,973.

Among the 791 Baptist schools on foreign fields were 22 theological seminaries with 896 enrolled and eight training schools with 684 enrolled.

Thirteen Baptist hospitals, 10 dispensaries, and 30 clinics were served by 35 missionary physicians, 54 national physi-

Whatever You Do . . .

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cumstance that prevents the followers of Jesus Christ from sharing the Christian good news with them.

In the face of these disturbing facts, we have the unequivocal mandate of Christ to go with the message so long as there is a single soul that is open, or a single soul who has not come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour.

In explaining his parable of the tares, Jesus made the words "field" and "world" interchangeable; the passage may be read "The field is the world" or "The world is the field." That is exactly the way in which Jesus wants his disciples to look upon their mission to win the lost people of the world to him.

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The many friends of Dr. Edward L. Byrd, Mississippian, will be pleased to know that the work of the First Church, Florence, S. C. continues to make commendable progress. Recently the church has been awarded the Standard Sunday School banner and the WMU has been rated "A-1 Full Grade."

clians, 42 missionary nurses, and 107 national nurses. These medical units served a total of 240,411 patients during 1955.

Ten publication plants printed 195,000 Bibles, 483,435 copies of 157 books, 4,034,994 pieces of 307 tracts, and 2,194,537 copies of 128 periodicals.

Ten good will centers enrolled 1,688 children and 797 adults.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, says in the preface to the annual report: "God is at work in the hearts of Southern Baptists moving toward a vastly enlarged world mission undertaking. This is in keeping with his will and the demands of our day."

"The Scriptures clearly teach that each New Testament church has world responsibilities. Making disciples of all nations is not a labor to be undertaken at our option or convenience. It is the mission given to us by our sovereign Lord. Our value to our Master in his redemptive purpose depends upon obedience to his commands."

Still Going Strong

Calvary At Jackson Gets 89 Per Cent of Fund Goal



Shown above, left to right, are W. P. Bridges, O. H. Kerr, and Grady Smith as they proudly look at the report chart showing their division over the top.

At the second report session of Jackson's Calvary Church Building Fund Campaign held Thursday night, March 8, a total of \$446,699.41 was reported. This is 89.3 per cent of the campaign goal of \$500,000.

Two of the five Divisions showed 100 per cent or more of quota.

The Big Gifts Division headed by O. H. Kerr, W. P. Bridges and W. V. Westbrook reported a total of \$181,035, which is 101 per cent of their \$180,000 quota.

The other Division, Master Gifts Sunday School boys and girls including 17 departments from beginners up to unmarried young people, reported a total

of \$15,802.50. This is 105 per cent of their \$15,000 quota.

More than 1,000 children have subscribed to the Building Fund and many more are expected to do so between now and the next report meeting scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday, March 15.

Approximately 300 campaigners, men and women, attended the meeting Thursday evening and all leaders and workers participating in the campaign are looking forward to the Victory celebration on March 15 and resolved to exceed the goal of \$500,000, which was set as the immediate objective, the amount needed for construction of the new Education Building.

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Pace Evangelist Is Rev. M. S. Varnado

Pace Church will hold spring revival services March 18-23, with Rev. M. S. Varnado, pastor of Calvary Church, Pascagoula, as the evangelist.

Gunnison Church is holding revival services March 11-16, with Dr. David Grant, pastor of the Drew Church, as evangelist.

Rev. B. J. Broome is the pastor of the two churches.

Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor of the Collins Church, will lead the church in revival services March 25-April 1. Walter N. Hill will be in charge of the music.

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Heaven Moves . . .

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which being restrained a heart is broken.

A Bible reading home is a joyful home. With the Bible as the center of your home, you will live joyfully. In Proverbs 5, we read, "Let thy fountain be blessed; and rejoice with the wife of thy youth, and be thou ravished always with her love." And again, Ecclesiastes tells us, "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, for that is thy portion in this life and in thy labor which thou takest under the sun." There is no book which sends forth such streams of joy to the human heart as the Bible. The reality of this experience will bring joyful living to the home. It has its affect upon our tempers and our speech, and this in turn will affect those who live with us.

The attitudes of others are many times the reflection of our own. I think of that little boy standing on the edge of the woods shouting, "Hello," and a voice returned, "Hello." Then he shouted, "Who are you?" and the voice returned, "Who are you?" Then he said, "Why don't you come out?" and the voice returned, "Come out." Finally he grew somewhat angry with the voice out of the woods and said, "I'll fight you." The voice returned, "Fight you." He ran home and told his mother about the mean boy in the woods and his mother suggested that perhaps he should stand at the edge of the woods and say, "I love you." This he did, and the response came back from the voice in the woods, "I love you."

A Bible reading home is a righteous home. The Bible in your home will cause you to live righteously. Even old age can be faced with joy when one realizes that, "The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness." Yes, gray hairs may come as they have to grandpa or grandma sitting around the dining room table, but how blessed it is to know that old or young, the Bible causes us to live righteously.

New Morton Church Meeting In Tent



Rev. C. W. Jolley

The Northside Church, Morton, was organized on February 28. At their prayer meeting on February 29 there were 76 present.

The first Sunday's services were held on March 4, with 78 in Sunday School and 92 in Training Union.

The newly organized church is now meeting in a tent. They plan to begin a building this summer.

Rev. C. W. Jolley is the pastor.

The East Morton Mission sponsored by the Morton Baptist Church is also making commendable progress. The Morton Church is erecting a \$15,000 brick veneer building to house the mission and is now seeking an associate pastor who will be in charge of the mission.

Rev. N. E. Greer is the pastor of the Morton Church.

Excepting days of special drives, First Church Pontotoc had the largest attendance at Sunday School last Sunday in the history of the church. The attendance was 401 and the Training Union had 153. The pastor is Rev. Tom Douglass. The editor of the Baptist Record was pastor there during the thirties, but there was never such an attendance as last Sunday. This shows what can happen "since I left."

PROGRESS SINCE APPOINTMENT OF JONES COUNTY MISSIONARY

On October 23, 1945 the executive committee of Jones County Association recommended that the association consider the employment of a full time associational missionary. In 1946 the recommendation was passed and the missionary began work on the field. The following chart shows the progress made since then:

	1946	1950	1955
Churches	78	80	83
Memberships	10,798	12,665	13,829
Baptisms	366	751	513
S. S. Enrollment	6,066	8,591	10,230
T. U. Enrollment	2,129	4,082	4,836
W.M.U. Enrollment	1,155	2,107	2,351
Brotherhood Enrollment	242	405	642
Cooperative Program Gifts	\$28,369.57	\$28,952.00	\$39,163.55
Total Mission Gifts	\$2,357.38	\$8,746.00	\$6,047.26
Assn. Mission Budget	\$2,800.00	10,000.00	10,870.00

Rev. C. J. Rushing is now serving on the field in Jones County as superintendent of missions.

Nikolai Alexandrenko Is Featured Speaker For MC Mission Rally

Nikolai Alexandrenko, former Russian paratroop officer, will bring the message at the fourth Campus-Wide Mission Rally to be held at Mississippi College Thursday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. The rally, sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, scheduled for Robinson Field in Clinton, will emphasize mission service through the testimony of one who has first-hand information about the religious situation in Europe.

Alexandrenko was born in Briansk, Russia, and was brought up under the Communist regime. While serving in the paratroop corps, he was captured by the Germans and taken to a prison camp. He was later liberated by the Americans, and he refused to return to Russia for political reasons. While reading some gospel leaflets distributed by Baptist missionaries, he was converted; and after being called to preach, he witnessed among refugees from behind the Iron Curtain.

In 1951 he came to the United States to study at Louisiana College on a scholarship given by the BSU of that state. He graduated in 1953 and at present is enrolled at New Orleans Seminary, where he is preparing for mission service.

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Crowder Adds 28 In Spring Revival

During the recent revival at the Crowder Church there were 28 additions, 23 for baptism and five by letter. There were 10 rededications.

Rev. Paul Kolb, Panola County Superintendent of Missions, was the evangelist, and Wilson Edmundson directed the music.

Rev. Elgin West is the pastor.

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18 Professions Made In Linn Revival

Rev. Otis Seal was the visiting evangelist in the recent revival at the Linn Church. During the revival there were 18 professions of faith and 11 uniting with the church by letter. There were also 3 rededications.

Rev. Harold Savell is the pastor.

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1376 Reached in Jan. By Miss. College BSU

The mission report of the BSU at Mississippi College for the past month is an outstanding one.

During the month a total of 1376 people were reached by the mission points supported by the BSU. Nineteen trips were made and 344 students took part in these trips. There were 43 decisions, 29 of them conversions.

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Mrs. John Kitchens has resigned as music director of the Collins Church. Gene Ferguson of William Carey College has been named to succeed Mrs. Kitchens.

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Pleasant Ridge To Dedicate Pastorium

On Sunday afternoon, March 25, at 2:00 p.m. the Pleasant Ridge Church of Holmes County will have the dedication of their new pastorium.

All members, former pastors, and friends are cordially invited to attend.

There will be open house from 2:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Rev. W. M. Brown is the pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

March 11, 1956

Jackson, Alta Woods	611	272
Jackson, First	1385	479
Jackson, Northside	653	212
Briar Hill (Rankin)	102	67
Jackson, West	388	171
Riehlard (Rankin)	202	75
Jackson, Midway	140	81
Edwards	82	41
Jackson, Southside	381	199
Jackson, Calvary	1429	462
Main	1383	435
Mission	46	27
Jackson, Hillcrest	297	157
Jackson, Highland	142	74
Jackson, Crestwood	642	368
Jackson, Broadmoor	517	213
Flowood	129	105
Pearl (Rankin)	201	130
Jackson, Parkway	1059	510
Clinton	643	330
Picayune, First	519	178
Long Beach, First	218	82
Ruth	37	45
Mississippi City	64	45
Trinity (Gulf Coast)	191	90
Main	182	
Mission	9	
Laurel, Wildwood	199	93
Marks, First	250	74
Bruce, First	327	112
Main	288	
Mission	39	
Fellowship (Choctaw)	92	80
Purvis, First	297	98
Calhoun City, First	335	184
Petal-Harvey	315	137
Main	286	
Harvey Mission	29	
Calvary (Alcorn)	86	65
Horn Lake	191	136
Itta Bena, First	310	117
Laurel, First	550	179
Hattiesburg, Main St.	730	436
Mission	7	
Aberdeen, First	421	118
Harrisburg, Tupelo	644	248
Olive Branch	180	77
Ora (Covington)	86	63
Laurel, Highland	225	107
New Sight (Lincoln)	116	66
Ripley, First	313	117
Fair River (Lincoln)	113	64
Murphy Creek (Winston)	118	83
Brookhaven, First	793	261
Main	689	190
Southway	75	41
Halbert Heights	29	30
Louisville:		
East	63	47
First	510	137
South	43	18
West	97	67
Pleasant Ridge (Holmes)	75	66
Clarksdale, Riverside	228	101
Cleveland, Immanuel	174	125
West Point, Calvary	268	159
West Point, First	570	235
Columbus, First	1033	343
Main	937	288
Fairview	96	55
Biloxi, East Howard	137	117
Crowder	223	124
Clarksdale	437	134
Natchez, Calvary	113	55
Concord (Choctaw)	81	69
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	493	161
Columbia, First	582	252
Main	550	212
South Columbia	689	190
Mission	39	40
Greenville, Second	500	200
Canton, Center		
Terrace	238	131
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	105	115
Union Chapel (Chickasaw)	71	88
Bluff Springs (Pike)	75	60
Glennfield (Union Co.)	116	72
Petal, New Richlon		

Road	17	12
Stonewall	184	109
Gulfport, First	627	283
Crystal Springs, First	617	261
Beulah (Holmes)	56	67
Durant, First	302	118
Eastside Mission	33	
Furrs (Pontotoc)	112	61
Skene	131	49
Soso, First	162	127
Newton, First	458	213
Meridian:		
First	821	205
Forty-First Ave.	363	117
Emmanuel	66	36
Oakland Heights	132	151
Eastview	146	90
Fifteenth Avenue	513	230
Key Field	127	52
South Side	436	209
Poplar Springs		
Drive	488	202
State Boulevard	265	115
Oak Grove	120	47
Granview Chapel	39	22
Highland	507	192
Hattiesburg:		
38th Ave.	122	91
New Albany, First	767	204
Main	709	165
North Side		
Mission	67	39
Mt. Pleasant		
(Holmes)	36	33
Pascagoula, First	476	285
Main	426	200
Orange Grove		
Chapel	32	58
McArthur Chapel	18	27
McComb, Friendship	129	108
Main	97	80
Mission	32	28
Anguilla	91	52
Vicksburg, First	576	196
Houston, First	342	179
Starkville, First	794	340
Hernando	176	88
Union First	322	125
Kosciusko, First	746	209
Main	715	
Maple Mission	31	
Longview (Oktibbeha)	84	50
Lucedale	242	155
Cleveland, First	469	136
Main	433	
Chinese Mission	36	
Corinth, East	226	97
Bethlehem (Jones)	154	115
Providence (Lebanon)	136	82
Morton	326	198
Main	290	160
Mission	36	38
Hernando	176	88
March 4, 1956		
Baldwyn, First	229	90
Booneville, First	291	106
Cleveland, First	487	141
Main	442	
Chinese Mission	45	
Pleasant Hill (DeSoto)	51	58
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	222	118
Puckett (Rankin)	98	46
Houston, First	320	149
Union, First	355	126
Hernando	258	118

Two Blue Mtn. Grads To Foreign Fields

In The Commission for March appear pictures of two Blue Mountain College alumnae, newly appointed foreign missionaries.

Mrs. Calvin Winfield who, with her husband, has been appointed for Indonesia. When in Blue Mountain College she was Miss La Verne Viverette of Union, Miss.

The other appointee is Mrs. S. Dan Sprinkle, Jr. She, with her husband, will go to Argentina. She is the former La Vora Murfin of New Orleans, La.



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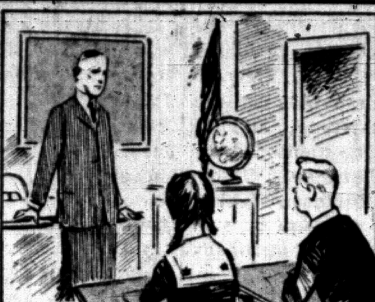
Great Baptist Leaders

GEORGE W. TRUETT
1867-1944

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In the shadows of the N. C. mountains where he was born in 1867, the mother of George Truett prays often for salvation of her husband and 8 children.



Many prayers are answered when George is converted at 18. At this time he is principal (and founder) of Hiwassee, an academy for boys and girls.



Before the Ga. Bap. Con. of 1888 he makes his first speech. "Brethren," says F. B. McConnell, "this is George Truett. He can speak like Spurgeon." And he does.



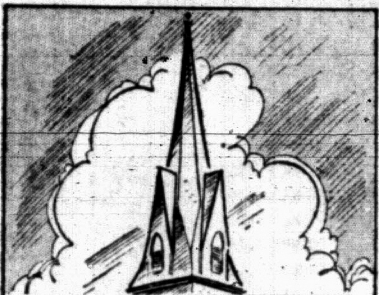
In 1889 George follows his family to Whitewright, Tex. He enters Grayson Col., planning to study law. But the church rises up and ordains him to preach.



B. H. Carroll hears that "wherever he speaks, the people do what he asks." Carroll urges George to ask Tex. Baps. to lift Baylor's debt. In 2 yrs. it is done.



George attends Baylor 1893-1897. While there he is pastor of East Waco Ch. And he wins Josephine, daughter of Judge W. H. Jenkins, for his wife.



George Truett accepts First Church, Dallas, in 1897. It has 715 members and a debt. He serves 47 years, sees it become largest Baptist church in the world.



West Texas cowboys invite Truett to make a "Religious Roundup" in 1902. His "ropin' and brandin' of sinners" becomes annual event with many converted.



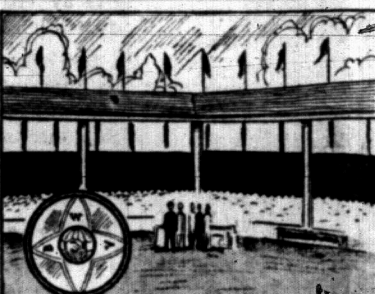
On the capitol steps in Washington before 15,000 in 1900, Dr. Truett delivers a declaration of Baptist faith on religious liberty. Statesmen marvel.



Dr. Truett claims he is not a parliamentarian. But he serves with distinction as President of the Southern Baptist Convention 1927-1929.



His mission trips, Sou. Am. in 1930, around the world in 1935, encourage the missionaries. They bring new mission fervor to Dr. Truett's preaching.



He serves as President, the Baptist World Alliance 1934-1939. Having received all Baptist honors, he goes to greater rewards July 7, 1944.

The way we are facing has a lot to do with our destination.
—BR—

Smiling is a contagion for which we want no antidote.

You cannot be a Christian without others knowing it.
—BR—

Do not pray for rain if you're going to complain of mud.

Announcing

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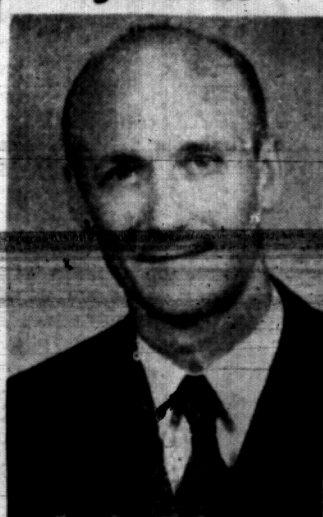
Rev. J. L. Boyd Sr.

By Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr.

50 Years Ago
In a report from the midst of a revival in the Wesson Church, Pastor Otto Bamber reveals that "between 65 and 70" had already joined the church. . . . people were being converted in crowds. . . . and great and glorious things" were expected. Rev. E. D. Solomon, pastor of First Church, McComb, was doing the preaching.

25 Years Ago
The City B.Y.P.U. of Jackson held its second monthly Celebration of Pastors' Night at the Calvary Church on a Monday night recently with the pastors of the Baptist churches of the city speaking to the subjects on the program, and taking care of other parts of the program. Some pastors who were absent on account of illness were represented by pinch-hitting deacons. The efficiency banner for attendance from the various Unions was awarded to the Northside Intermediates.

Rev. W. L. Compere To Lead Revival At Bogue Chitto



Rev. Lowrey Compere
Rev. Lowrey Compere, president of Clarke College, is to

Flora Church to Have World Missions Week

Flora Church, Dr. William P. Davis, pastor, is planning for World Missions - Evangelism Weeks April 1-15.

An Extension and Enlistment Committee in charge of promotion and publicity and plans for the conferences is composed of R. H. Posey, Sr., Dr. George D. Allard, and G. D. Hedgepeth. However, they are not only planning, but praying. Each morning at 9:00 A. M. all members of the church are being requested to pray for the conferences.

Speakers for the conferences are: Rev. Harvey O. Headrick, from Brazil, April 1, 2, 3; Mrs. Walter Moore, of Nigeria, April 4, 5; Miss Vena Aguilard, home missionary in Louisiana, April 6; Owen Cooper, President of the Miss. Baptist Convention, April 8; Rev. James Walker, associate pastor of the Flora Church, April 8-15. Rev. Charles Tidwell, Minister of Music of the First Church, Canton, will direct the music for the entire series of conferences.

TO SPEAK AT FLORA



Shown above is Mrs. Walter Moore who will speak at Flora during the World Mission-Evangelism weeks.



Shown above is Rev. Harvey O. Headrick who will speak at the World Mission-Evangelism weeks at Flora.

be the evangelist at the Bogue Chitto Church during the revival services to be held there March 26-April 1.

Van Evans of New Orleans Seminary will direct the music. Rev. Milton Bryant is the pastor.

This revival is a part of the Lincoln County Simultaneous Crusade.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MISS ALMARINE BROWN, Jackson
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
Young People's Secretary—MISS NELL TAYLOR

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



Miss Mary Ellen Yancey

Miss Yancey, missionary to Nigeria, will be one of the speakers for the Convention. She will be the feature speaker of the BWC Banquet Tuesday evening, at the First Baptist Church, Jackson. Mrs. Tommy Hale, BWC Federation Chairman will be the toast mistress. Miss Yancey is a graduate of Howard College and Carver School. She was appointed for Foreign Missions service in 1947. She taught in the Baptist Girls' School at Aghor for three years and since that time has done WMU work.

WMU CONVENTION PROGRAM

March 20-22

(This is not the full copy but gives the schedule for out of state speakers. There are many other features at each session.)

Tuesday Evening
6:15 Mississippi BWC Federation Banquet

7:40 "In Royal Service" — Miss Margaret Bruce, Youth Secretary, WMU, SBC

Wednesday Morning—9:20
"Advance in Missionary Personnel" — Elmer S. West, Jr., Personnel Secretary, Foreign Mission Board

"Letterette from Nigeria" — Miss Mary Ellen Yancey, Nigeria

Letterette from Taos, New Mexico — Mrs. Michael Naranjo, Taos Indians

"Together in Royal Service" — Miss Margaret Bruce, Youth Secretary, WMU, SBC

Wednesday Afternoon—2:15
"So This is Heaven" — Mrs. James T. McRae, Gaza

Wednesday Evening—7:30
Tableaux: "Women and Youth in World Missions" — As promoted and reflected through our missionary magazines

Missionary Address: "Christ's Call to Royal Service" — Elmer S. West, Personnel Secretary, Foreign Mission Board

Thursday morning—9:20
"This is My Service" — Mrs. Michael Naranjo, Taos Indians

Missionary Message — Miss Mary Ellen Yancey, Nigeria

Mrs. Isaac Rye

Mrs. Rye of Aberdeen was the organizer of the Monroe Association WMU. Now in her 89th year, she looks back on a rich full life. The following is an excerpt from the county paper:

"One of Mrs. Rye's achievements of which she is most proud is the organization of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in Monroe County in 1895. She pushed the movement through to completion, and was duly elected the first county superintendent for the WMU Monroe County. She served in this capacity for fifteen years.

"Two years ago in a simple little home ceremony, Mrs. Rye received a permanent corsage which she says will be buried with her. The corsage was a gift from the county WMU celebrating its 50th anniversary at Amory. Mrs. Rye was unable to attend, so the program came to her in the form of the founder's corsage pinned on by Mrs. Harold Cain of Amory.

"I'm so proud of it," Mrs. Rye says, as she fingers the tiny medallions. Her bright eyes seem even brighter as she contemplates the words on the legend, although she labors together with God."

—BR—

Loose dealing gets some into tight places.

—BR—

One of the best ways to get on your feet is to first get on your knees.

—BR—

It has been said that "temperamental" means 95 per cent temper, and 5 per cent mental.



Miss Margaret Bruce

Miss Bruce, Youth Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will bring the devotional message on the opening night of the Convention, March 20. She will use the theme of the Convention as her subject. She will speak again Wednesday morning. Miss Bruce served as the Young People's Secretary for Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union prior to her present position.

BETHEL TO HOLD YOUTH REVIVAL

Rev. Howard Taylor will be the evangelist and Rev. Billy Baker will lead the music at the Youth Revival to be held at Bethel Church in Chickasaw County March 22-25. Both are students at New Orleans Seminary.

The Sunday School has set a goal for an attendance of 100 on the closing day. (Bethel has the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.)

Rev. Odus W. Henderson is the pastor.

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Immanuel, H'burg Ordains Minister

Rev. William Dwyer Marth was recently ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg.

The ordaining council was composed of fourteen ministers and eight deacons. Dr. R. E. Nielsen, pastor, was moderator and Rev. W. Doyle Combs, pastor of Sunrise, Zion Hill Church, was clerk.

Rev. Julius Thompson led the opening prayer and the ordination sermon was delivered by Dr. A. M. Tate of William Carey College. Dr. Irving Prince gave the charge to the church, and Rev. E. M. Bilbo gave the charge to the candidate. The ordination prayer was led by Rev. Charles Hollifield.

Rev. Warren Wall presented the Bible.

Mr. Martin, is a student at William Carey College. He is married to the former Pat Pinson of Pascagoula.

The young minister is pastor of the Sanford Church.

MISSISSIPPI'S MAGNIFICENT MINORITY

Listed below are the churches who reported a standard unit of organization during the quarter ending December, 1955.

The number in parentheses following the name of the church represents the number of units which were standard during the quarter. Listing is by associations and alphabetically.

CALHOUN ASSOCIATION
Calhoun City (4)

GULF COAST ASSOCIATION
Gulfport, 1st (1)

HINDS
Aha Woods (1)

JACKSON
Jackson, 1st (2)

JASPER
Edon (2)

LAUDERDALE
Midway (1)

LEBANON
Hattiesburg, 1st (2)

LINCOLN
Main St., Hattiesburg (5)

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION

Woodville (6)

NESHOBA
Philadelphia, 1st (1)

RANKIN
Briar Hill (2)

TALLAHATCHIE
Charleston, 1st (2)

TIPPAH
Tipton (1)

WARREN
Walnut (2)

STANDARD TRAINING UNIONS
Vicksburg, 1st (4)

WALTON
Walton (1)

WATKINS
Parkway (Mississippi)

WATKINS
Parkway, Jackson (Hinds)

Following is a continuation of the listing of Mississippi's Magnificent Minority for the quarter ending September 30, 1955: Newton, 1st; Longino (Neshoba); and Hattiesburg, 1st.

—BR—

This cold world needs warm-hearted Christians.

—BR—

Why look for your ship to come in if you have never sent one out?



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"IN ROYAL SERVICE" IS THEME OF THE W. M. U. CONVENTION

Front page space was given in last week's issue of the Baptist Record to the Woman's Missionary Convention to be held at First Church, Jackson, March 20-22.

An attractive program has been arranged and prominent speakers and leaders are scheduled to be present. Miss Edwina Robinson is Executive Secretary of the State W. M. U.

"In Royal Service" will be the theme of the Convention, as this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Royal Service magazine. That magazine has really done a "royal service" in letting millions of women know about the mission needs of the world.

Up to 2000 women, coming from every section of the state, are expected to attend the convention. Baptists owe a debt of gratitude to these, our W. M. U. women, for their work, their prayers, and their encouragement. The women of the W. M. U. have a vision of "fields white unto harvest" and are seeking to provide the labor needed. Truly they are "in royal service" for His Majesty.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS DAY

Sunday, March 25, has been set aside as Home and Foreign Missions Day in our Sunday Schools.

The purpose of this day and the program is to inform, to inspire, and to enlist our people in the great task of Home and Foreign Missions.

Every Sunday School should have this program at some convenient Sunday, preferably March 25.

Of course, all the needs of the mission fields could not possibly be presented in one morning's program. But an earnest effort to present the greatest needs, to emphasize the Saviour's challenge, "Go ye... and witness," will bring dividends.

Many will hear and want to give more to Home and Foreign Missions. Each Sunday School should take this special offering. It may be true that many who are at the service that day are regular contributors who give regularly to missions, but there are always some who are not regular contributors, and some who are not contributors at all. These should be given an opportunity to support Home and Foreign Missions.

We urge each Sunday School Superintendent and pastor to see that the people in their church are given an opportunity to express their concern for missions through giving.

Someone has called John 13:35 "the most famous sermon." "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Is not giving to missions one way of expressing our love for each other, for the world, for Him?

WHY ADVERTISE A KILLER?

During the past few weeks the Baptist Record has carried several items concerning a bill before Congress which would prohibit the advertising of liquor.

Many prominent leaders over the nation have expressed their opinion in no uncertain terms that liquor advertising should be prohibited. Of course, Congress could make no laws concerning a strictly state paper, but it can for papers that circulate in more than one state.

Of course, everybody knows how we feel about it, but we want it in black and white. And if possible, we want to influence others to our way of thinking.

Liquor advertising could be prohibited just as advertising of dope and any other killing drug could be prohibited.

And when we speak of advertising we not only refer to newspaper but we refer to TV and radio advertising.

Most of the advertising of the liquor crowd is misleading and false. They would have us think that liquor goes along with "men of distinction." It is the very opposite. If "men of distinction" go along with liquor very long they become either men of failure or men of extinction. Read your daily papers for plenty of proof.

Liquor advertising always holds up the brighter side, but never says a word about the sordid side. They tell us of a few "men of distinction," but fail to tell of the thousands who are ruined, cursed, disgraced and killed by drink.

Certainly young people, the children who listen much to radio and TV should not be subjected to the constant bombardment of the liquor and beer commercials. Don't you believe that it doesn't have an influence over those who listen!

If it didn't they would not spend millions of dollars in such advertising.

Recently we wrote a TV station about their constant bombardment with beer advertising. We got a courteous reply from the manager, but he didn't promise to stop either. He did say that he had had only two protests from people, but several supporting letters. There are more dry people in Mississippi than wet. The trouble is they do not make themselves heard. Any TV station as well as newspapers are sensitive to the wishes of their readers.

We are appealing now to our readers to do two things.

1. Write every TV and radio station to which you listen and protest against their advertisement of beer. It would be better if you will mention the specific brand that they promote.

2. Write your senators and your Congressmen and ask them to support the bill which would prohibit the advertising of liquor.

DO IT NOW!

Good Advice, But A Little Late

On February 17, O. C. McNair, 24-year-old Negro, was executed at Parchman for the pistol-killing of a Florence constable.

Prison officials said that McNair shook hands with the other inmates of death row in the penitentiary's maximum security cell-block and told them to "keep reading your Bible."

The doomed killer was giving good advice, but the tragedy of it was that he was giving advice that he perhaps himself had not taken. The chances are that had he been a regular reader of God's word he would not have died because of men's laws.

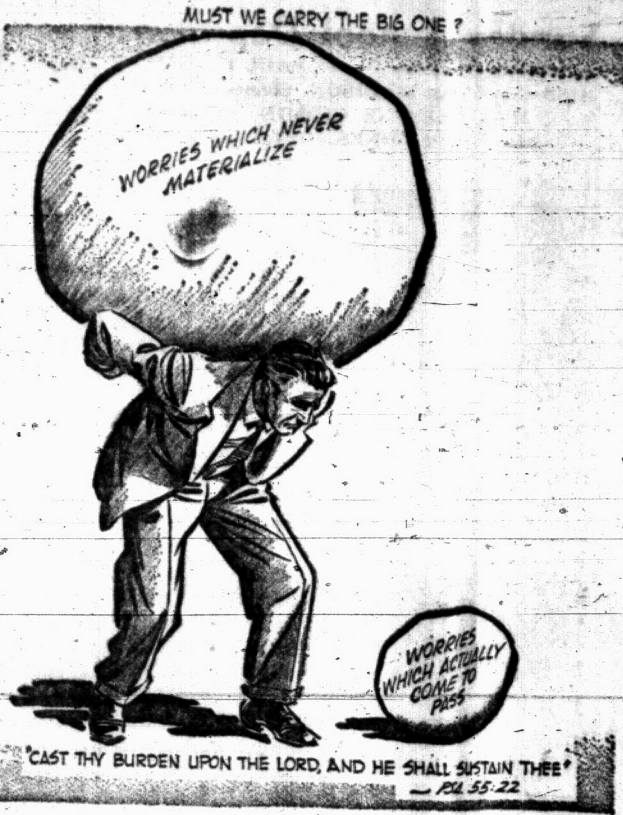
His advice to those he left behind was good, but it would have been much better had he taken it himself from childhood on.

This is just another evidence of the fact that people need to read God's word.

Mississippi, Give Mississippians A Chance!

Many young men and women from Mississippi will soon be graduating from our Southern Baptist Seminaries.

Our churches have helped in their Christian development. Mississippi colleges have trained many of them. Our special gifts and Cooperative Program dollars have aided in their Seminary training.



Our Readers Write

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

I certainly do like the new look of your paper. You have more liberality in the use of headlines and pictures with your newspaper style. I think your paper is very readable and will be more effective throughout our constituency.

Leon Macon, Editor
The Alabama Baptist
Hattiesburg, Miss.
February 20, 1956

Editor
The Baptist Record
Jackson, Mississippi
Sir:

I enclose herein clipping from the local paper which shows how quickly one may become a "Man of Distinction" by using the products of the distillers who coined the phrase for the purpose of trying to hide the hellish destruction of their products.

One might have some modicum of respect for them if they would merely manufacture their poison and praise the strength, or age or how much less they sell for than their competitors. But No! They must advertise that it makes "Men of Distinction", well-groomed men, handsome, distinguished-looking men of successful appearance—all of which is a lie. It never did any of those things for anyone who drank it. It probably has done some of them for those who make it and sell it if they have sense enough not to drink it, and most of them do.

NEW ORLEANS — A 30-year-old man, shot between the eyes by his father during an argument, died in a hospital today.

Police said Charles S. Hines and his mother returned from Sunday church services to find the father, John Hines, 73, intoxicated. The younger Hines held the father while the mother threw cold water in his face.

The father whirled free, officers said, and went to a clothes closet for a pistol. He returned to fire the fatal shot, then put the pistol back in the closet and waited for police.

It hasn't made a tramp, or a liar or a murder out of everyone who has drunk it. But it has made such out of millions of those who drank it. Every person that has ever been exposed to smallpox hasn't contracted it, nor has everyone who ever stepped on a rattlesnake been bitten, but the risk is so great and the results of contraction of the disease, or the bite of the snake so terrible that no sensible person will willingly be around them unless in an effort to exterminate them.

What must this father, who put something in his stomach

Many of these would welcome an opportunity to come back to Mississippi.

Of course, we would not try to interfere with God's plans for these young people. He knows best where they are needed.

But other things being equal, it seems to us that Mississippians, knowing the problems, the characteristics, the plans and programs of the state, would do their best work in Mississippi.

We suggest that Mississippi churches keep these young people in mind when seeking pastors and other religious workers. The registrars of the five Seminaries—New Orleans; Southwestern at Fort Worth, Texas; Southeastern at Wake Forest, North Carolina; Southern at Louisville, Kentucky; and Golden Gate at Berkeley, California—will be able to give information.

Let's give Mississippians a chance in Mississippi!

that stole away his brain, think now that he has killed his own son?

A. R. Hood
Route 2
Hattiesburg, Miss.
—BR—

ON UNCONSCIOUS MEMBERS

By Bruce H. Price

"I am not sure where I'll have the funeral; whether in the church or not. Last night in the hospital he joined the church while he was unconscious," she related to two members of her husband's family and to me.

You did not misread, and I did not misunderstand: "He joined while he was unconscious."

In detail she told how she came from the kitchen into the living room, found her husband lying on the floor unconscious. An ambulance rushed him to a local Catholic hospital, where his condition was diagnosed as a blood clot on the brain. Without regaining consciousness, he was dead within an hour.

Receiving the word, I made an immediate visit to the home because the deceased was a member of the church I serve, and had been since childhood when he attended services with his late father, a faithful deacon, and his mother, a devout Baptist.

After his marriage to a Roman Catholic he had neglected the local Baptist church, but retained his membership and was on the mailing list, receiving the church bulletin each week, and always courteous to the pastor and others who called on him seeking to renew his interest.

His membership in the Catholic church was after this manner according to his bereaved wife: "The priest asked if I had been baptized, and I told him that he had been as a Baptist. The father replied that it would only be necessary to give my husband the last rites. This was done and he became a member."

At first all of this seemed very odd, until I recalled practically the same thing happens in some protestant churches. They do not receive members who are "unconscious", but they do receive members who are "not conscious."

May I tell you about a pastor in a protestant church who dipped his fingers in water, said a few words, permitted a few drops of water to fall on the baby's head, called it baptism, and included the child's name on the church roll? The baby was conscious, but it was "not conscious" of the significance of what was taking place, and it was done without the baby's knowledge or consent as was true of the man mentioned above.

Let us look again at the unconscious man breathing his last in the hospital. It was he who started me writing. On second

Miss. State College Elects BSU Officers

Neil Odenwald was recently elected President of the BSU at Mississippi State College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Odenwald of Hughes, Arkansas, formerly of Dockery.

Neil has been a member of the B.S.U. Executive Council for the past three years. He is the brother of Rev. Bobby Odenwald, pastor of First Church Coldwater.

Other officers include: Vice President, Therrill Valentine of Laurel; Enlistment Chairman, Wayne Robbins of Covington, Tennessee; Social Chairman, Gordon White of Bailey; Devotional Chairman, Sammy Simpson of Blue Mountain; Stewardship Chairman, Bobby Thompson of Louisville; Training Union Representative, Billy Stain of Yazoo City; Married Students' Training Union Representative, John Covington of Louisville; Sunday School Representative, Woodie Williams of Agricola; Noon-day Director, Jimmy Landrum of Vicksburg; Publicity Director, Hugh Vaughan of Maben; Music Director, Jimmy Walker of Smithdale; Brotherhood President, Willis F. Oliphant of Carthage; Transportation Director, James Mc-



Neil Odenwald

Laurin of Taylorsville; Secretary, Gloria Dacus of Winona; Hostess and Librarian, Shirley Putt of Starkville; Editor of B.S.U. Paper, Sammy Guyton of Kosciusko; Athletic Director, Gene Lee of Holesville; Adult Advisor, Maurice Kennedy of State College; Pastor Advisor, Rev. R. C. Applegate of Starkville; and Student Director, Rev. Roy Isbell of State College.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

March 19—Graded T. U. Study Courses: "Magnify Church Membership Week"; District Music Festivals.

March 20—State W. M. U. Convention, First Church, Mississippi; Bernice Hensler, Mississippi College faculty.

March 21—Rev. Roy Self, Association Missionary, Yazoo-Madison Counties; Mrs. A. J. Northcutt, Pontotoc Association W. M. U. Supt.

March 22—Mrs. R. R. Darby, BSU Director; Perkins Junior College; Herbert Huff, Smith Association Training Union Director.

March 23—Miss Alexine Gibson, Baptist Building; George T. Parker, Clarke College faculty.

March 24—Harry Smallwood, Trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital; E. E. Laird, Trustee, Baptist Foundation.

March 25—Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School and Offering; Rev. Lloyd Sparkman, Trustee, Blue Mountain College.

thought, it was not he. He had nothing to do with what happened to him. So, we shall turn away from him and look at the wife and priest.

With them in mind, I wish to speak a word of warning to all protestants who are contemplating a mixed marriage. It could happen to you.

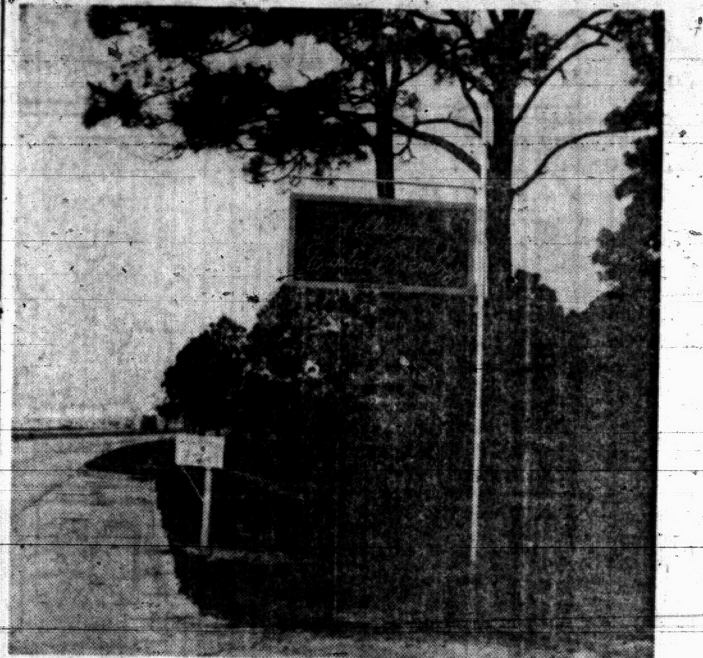
—BR—

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

We at the Meridian Baptist Church want to thank you for the nice write-up in the Baptist Record. You would be surprised at the renewed interest in the paper because of our church having been put in the news.

D. E. McQuillis, pastor (Comment: Every church should send in news. People are interested in news about their own church and, as Pastor McQuillis says, it will create interest in the Record.)

Kittiwake Approach Has New Look



A brand new sign reading "Kittiwake Baptist Assembly" will greet all those who approach the assembly from transcontinental Highway 90. The above photo shows what visitors coming from the east will see as they prepare to turn right off the highway onto the assembly.

Student Housing Most Urgent Need In S'Western's Expansion Program

From Washington to Florida, from New York to California, from the Philippines to Greece—a good response is being shown as gifts and pledges are received at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Designated for the Golden Jubilee Expansion Program, these funds will provide housing for married students, a portion of the income from which will serve in the place of endowment and provide for badly needed additional faculty members.

One hundred percent pledges have been made by faculty and administrative staff. More than \$60,000 was pledged in 60 minutes by Seminary students present at a recent chapel service.

Approved by the Southern Baptist Convention and Seminary trustees, the plan is to seek individual gifts and pledges. President J. Howard Williams and Endowment and Promotion Director L. B. Reavis are leading in the fund raising campaign. The goal for student housing is \$5,000,000.

Record, breaking enrollments have caused an acute need for on-campus student family housing. Time saved by living on the campus can be used to advantage in study and classwork. Facilities in the housing project for the care of preschool children will enable more than 1,000 students' wives to attend classes.

According to President Williams, student housing is the most urgent need in the long-range Jubilee Expansion Program which calls for a total of \$10,000,000 by 1958.

Canadian Leaders to Address Editors At Meeting of ACP

TORONTO, ONT. (RNS)

Paul Martin, Canadian Minister of National Health and Welfare will address Protestant editors from the United States and Canada at the 37th annual meeting of the Associated Church Press here, April 4-6. He will speak on "Canada's Place in the United Nations."

During the meeting, the editors will attend a reception given by Louis O. Briethaupt, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Founded in 1916, the ACP comprises 132 Protestant and Orthodox publications with a circulation of nearly 11,000,000. Robert J. Cadigan, editor of Presbyterian Life, is president.

The editors will hear a report on world missions by the Rev. E. H. Johnson, overseas secretary of the board of missions, Presbyterian Church of Canada, who recently returned from an extensive tour.

Talks on Canada will be given by John W. Fisher, executive director of the Canadian Tourist Association; and David Lewis, former general secretary of the Canadian Cooperative Federation. The latter's topic is "Socialism in Canada."

The "Need for a Protestant Critique" will be discussed by the Rev. Emlyn Davies, minister of Yorkminster Baptist church, Toronto.

Other speakers will include A. B. B. Moore, president of Victoria College, University of Toronto, on "Christianity's Conquest of the Mind"; and Pierre Berton, managing editor of McLean's Magazine, on "How to Improve Quality in Content."



Housing plans at Southwestern Seminary are being shown to student family Rev. and Mrs. Charles Gentry (Mississippi) and twins by President J. Howard Williams, right, and Endowment and Promotion Director L. B. Reavis, standing.

Central Seminary Plans Open House For SBC

KANSAS CITY, Kans. —(BP)—Central Baptist Seminary, on the Kansas side of Kansas City, plans to have an open house May 31 for those attending the Southern Baptist Convention.

The open house will follow a dinner for seminary alumni and friends. The dinner is scheduled for 1:30 p. m.

However, the seminary will be open each day from 8:30 a. m. through 5:30 p. m. to visitors. School will not be in session during the dates of the Convention.

Central Baptist Seminary is affiliated with the American Baptist Convention but about 55 per cent of its 400 students are Southern Baptists, the seminary reports.

"At least one-third of our members of the seminary board of directors are Southern Baptist pastors and leaders," Acting President Ernest L. Ackley says.

The seminary was founded in 1901 and has been located on its present campus for 35 years. Ackley became acting president in 1954 when William W. Adams resigned the presidency to accept a position at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Different aspects of religious journalism, including advertising in the church press, will be reviewed in panel discussions by editors and clergymen.

Other panelists will discuss Protestant and Roman Catholic tensions and the reaction in the South to the Supreme Court's decision outlawing segregation in the public schools.

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Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. CLIFTON J. ALLEN

For March 18, 1956

JESUS INSTITUTES THE LORD'S SUPPER

Luke 22:1-7

The Lord's Supper had its beginning when Jesus instituted it on the night before his crucifixion. The succession of events on that awesome night have the utmost meaning: the plan of Judas to betray his Master; the preparation for the paschal meal; the institution of the Supper; the unseemly strife among the disciples; the warning to Peter; the agony in Gethsemane; Judas' betrayal and the arrest by the soldiers; the hearing before the Sanhedrin and Peter's denials; the condemnation. As we study about the Lord's Supper, let us see it in the framework of Jesus' unmeasured sufferings for our salvation.

THE UPPER ROOM

It seems likely that Jesus had made detailed plans in advance for the celebration of the Passover. The reason is obvious: Judas had made an agreement to betray the Lord and was seeking an opportunity to carry out his purpose. Jesus desired that there should be no interruption of those last sacred hours with the disciples. Peter and John found all the details as Jesus had described them—the man with the pitcher of water, the willing host, and the furnished upper room. There they prepared for the Passover.

In the upper room with Jesus! The Saviour's heart was full of holiest emotions. The disciples became embroiled with jealousy and strife. There the Saviour bathed their feet (as we learn from John's Gospel), poured out his heart to them in words of assurance, and revealed to them the deep realities of his own self-giving and their mission in the world.

THE LAST PASSOVER

Jesus declared his desire to eat the Passover before his suffering. He would thus remember the mighty deliverance from Egypt. Eating the Passover would bring to his own heart the assurance of the Father's presence and purpose. Also, Jesus was to become the true Passover, God's means of deliverance from sin.

Again, Jesus desired to eat the Passover for the sake of his disciples. He was anxious for them to see in him the fulfillment of the Jewish Passover,

Ridgecrest To Open Kindergarten

Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, plans to open a Kindergarten and Nursery School in September of this year. The school will be open to all white children ages four and five. To be eligible to enroll, a child must be four by January 1, 1957. All children are welcome regardless of denomination or church preference.

It will open simultaneously with the Public School in September and will observe the same holidays as Public Schools.

A survey will be made of the Ridgecrest community in the near future. But regardless of where you live your child may enroll and if you are interested in sending your child, please call the church office; 6-5941. The church is seeking now to employ a Director and a Kindergarten faculty.

For further information please call the Ridgecrest Church office.

Rev. Fred Tarpley is pastor.

the adequate sacrifice for all sin, the evidence of God's power in human experience, and the means by which they could enter into the new covenant of eternal redemption. This would be Jesus' last Passover, but it would be replaced by another memorial which would provide for Christians until the end of time a means of grateful memory and of confident hope.

THE NEW MEMORIAL

At this point he instituted the holy ritual of the bread and the fruit of the vine, the one a symbol of his body and the other a symbol of his blood, each to be taken as a reminder of his sufferings on the cross and his self-giving for human redemption. The bread represented his body; the cup represented his blood. There is nothing in the New Testament which can justify attaching anything other than symbolic meaning to the Lord's Supper.

It seems likely that the order of time given in Mark is correct. More likely the traitor was dismissed ahead of time, so that those around the table were indeed partakers in fact as well as in symbol of the body and blood of the Saviour. Luke emphasizes that the betrayal was in no sense defeat for Jesus; the betrayer was the channel through which the Son of man was to execute the plan determined in eternity.

My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. W. A. Martin, West
"In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2)

II. By Loretta Coward, Forkville

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." (Proverbs 22:1)

III. By Mrs. J. M. Boxx, Water Valley

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1)

IV. By Mrs. Sallis House, Sylva

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" (Psalms 116:12)

Ogden (Yazoo) Plans Revival



Rev. H. E. Inman

Ogden Church in Yazoo County will hold revival services March 28-April 1. The pastor, Rev. H. E. Inman, will be the evangelist. James Sadler, Jr., ministerial student, and member of Ogden Church, will lead the singing. Services will be held at night only.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young
Called and Accepted:
Raymond M. Coledge, North Edgfield, Nashville, Tenn. from Mount View, Tenn.
George Calvin Monroe, Green Hill, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. from Holt's Corner, Tenn.
S. E. Byler, First, Benton, Tenn. from Memphis, Tenn.
B. R. Tatum, First, Waynesville, Mo. from First, Memphis, Mo.
Fane H. Bullington, Holland Ave., West Columbia, S. C. from First, Whitmore, S. C.
Edward McAbee, Central, Cowpens, S. C. from Engleside, S. C.
Claude Hunt, Twin Cities, near Sherman, Texas
C. Raymond Carley, Oakridge, Tulsa, Okla.
James Still, Southside, Ponca City, Okla.
T. T. Crabtree, Immanuel, Tulsa, Okla. from Leawood, Memphis, Tenn.
C. Fred Williams, First, Hugo, Okla. from First, Cleveland, Okla.
S. M. Foulton, Patoka, Illinois, from Third, Marion, Illinois
Guy D. Magee, First, Caruthersville, Mo. from First, Manila, Ark.
Kenneth Johnson, Brush Creek, Summit, Mo. from Prospect, Loveland, Mo.
L. G. Hartley, First, Brownfield, Ill. from Graham Street, Carbondale, Ill.
Lewis A. Howard, Wilson, Rt. 2, Forest City, N. C. from Spindale, N. C.
C. L. Whitmore, Woodward, Chester, S. C. from Elk Mountain, N. C.

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Broadman's First Book On Crime

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB)—Their fourth religious novel in less than a year, Stumble Upon the Dark Mountains, was released recently by Broadman Press.

This is Broadman's first book that deals directly with fighting crime, vice, and moral decay of this generation. It complements Southern Baptists' emphasis of "A Crusade for Christian Morality."

The author, Lon Woodrum, of Oklahoma City, has written several other religious novels and is winner of the first prize in the 1955 Zondervan Fourth International Christian Fiction \$5000 Contest for his novel, Eternity in Their Heart.

Sunday School Department

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MISS PAT HINES, Office Secretary



BYRAM NURSERY BUILDING

On Sunday, February 5, a new four-department Nursery building was dedicated at Byram Baptist church, in Hinds County, eight miles south of Jackson.

Above is a view of part of the building, with two of the fine leaders of their Nursery work.

This is a splendid example of what can be done when people see the need and determine to meet that need. The members of the church did all the labor on the building.

It is an excellent Nursery Building, well planned and furnished in all details, and will be a blessing to many babies and their parents as they come each week to this place of Bible study and worship.

The pastor is Rev. Henry J. Bennett.

AWARDS FOR JANUARY

No. Awards for January 4,407
No. Awards to date 10,817
No. Associations to date 72
HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS
Hinds 698
Lauderdale 371
Sunflower 195
Monroe 190
Leflore 171
HIGH FIVE CHURCHES
Parkway, Jackson 211
Calvary, Jackson 154
Winona, First 88
Gulfport, First 84
Highland, Meridian 84
Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian 81

Harmony Revival To Be Mar. 25-April 1



Rev. Tommy Fant

Harmony Church, Laurel will hold a revival meeting March 25-April 1. The pastor, Rev. Tommy Fant, will do the preaching, and C. E. Mixon, will lead the singing.

This is Mr. Fant's sixth year at Harmony, and this will be the fifth revival meeting which he has led.

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Rev. R. S. Parker Is Southside Evangelist

Southside Church, Hattiesburg, will hold revival services March 25-April 1, with Rev. R. S. (Bobby Sam) Parker, a member of the church, as the evangelist.

A native of Hattiesburg, Mr. Parker has recently returned from California where he has been pastor.

Rev. Don Stewart, William Carey College student, will lead the singing, and Mrs. Garland McInnis will serve as pianist.

Southside is giving \$25 to help buy a bus for the Carey College students.

The church has an interesting slogan for their Enlargement Campaign this month in Training Union: "March to Training Union in March."

Rev. Garland McInnis is the pastor.

JANUARY STANDARDS

Cradle Roll — Brookhaven, First, Mrs. Brooks Wester, supt.; Corinth, First Mrs. J. P. Yeager, supt.

Nursery — Calhoun City, First, Mrs. U. L. Boland, supt.; Jackson, Northside, Mrs. Joe Bennett, Jr., Mrs. S. B. Barnes, Mrs. J. E. Lovelace, Mrs. J. K. Dossett and Mrs. L. N. Haley, superintendents.

Beginner — Gulfport, First, Mrs. E. B. Mavis, supt.; Indianola, First, Mrs. N. I. Smithhart, supt.; Midway, Lauderdale County, Mrs. Donald Bynum, supt.; Columbus, East End, Mrs. J. L. Coleman, supt.; McComb, Friendship, Mrs. Luther Toney, supt.; Greenwood, First, Mrs. G. C. Roberts, supt.

Primary Departments — Laurel, Second Ave., Miss Jessie L. Bush, supt.; Corinth, First, Mrs. H. H. Moses, supt.

Primary Classes — Jackson, Parkway, Mrs. P. L. Phillips, Mrs. Clyde Murff, teachers; Laurel, Second Avenue, Mrs. G. B. Morgan, Mrs. B. J. Martin, Miss Nella Joplin, Miss Sarah Nell Taylor, Mrs. Ossie E. Mahaffey, Mrs. K. D. Taylor and Mrs. Lee T. Duckworth, teachers; Jackson, First, Mrs. George Moore, Mrs. W. M. Gooch, teachers; Hattiesburg, Main Street, Mrs. Nina M. Hinton, Mrs. H. F. McWilliams, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Beeson, Miss Florence Lambert, Mrs. Julian L. Jones, teachers; Calhoun City, First, Mrs. Aubrey Edmondson, teacher; Corinth, First, Mrs. C. B. Stephens, Mrs. George Harwell, Miss Martha McClure, Mrs. H. E. Ray, Sr., Mrs. D. F. Wright, teachers; Leesburg, Rankin County, Mrs. Ora Bates, teacher.

Junior Departments: Hazlehurst, Mrs. Vivian Beasley, Superintendent, with Mr. B. M. Edwards, Mrs. Cecil W. Landrum, Mr. H. Q. Fulgham, Mr. H. H. Russell, Mrs. Earl Foster, Mrs. Otto Beall and Mr. J. Wilmer Scott, teachers; South Side, Meridian, Mrs. Gregory Byran, Superintendent; First, Philadelphia, Miss Zula Walton, Superintendent, with Mrs. A. D. Bassett, Mr. C. A. Jones, Mrs. Joab Langston, Mr. Hal Russell, Mrs. P. E. Walker, and Mr. J. C. Fields, teachers; First, Magnolia, Mrs. Lola Hayman, Superintendent, with Mrs. Ione Simmons, Mrs. Carroll Woolley, Mrs. Phaeane Ross and Mrs. Quin Thornton, teachers; Tylertown, Mr. T. A. Dillon, Superintendent.

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Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

ACTOR AMBITION

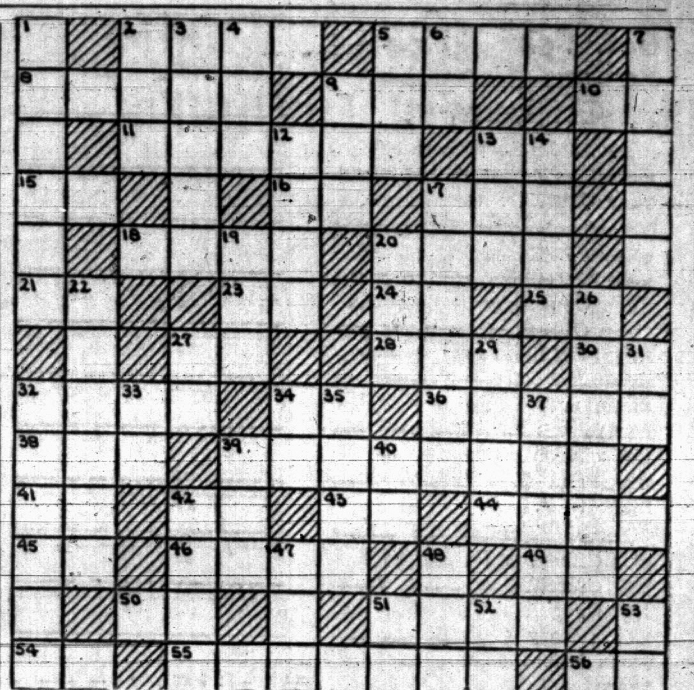
QUESTION: I am a boy of twenty and hope someday to be an actor in the movies or on television. I truly feel that this is my talent and I believe that God sent me for this purpose in life.

My mother tells me that I should not think of things like being a movie star.

I am a Christian and am wondering if I am sinning or being worldly minded by dreaming of this.

ANSWER: I don't know much about movie or television stars but they tell me that it is a pretty strenuous life and very hard on a person's religion and morals. You certainly cannot afford to sell your soul, compromise, in order to be successful. Unless you are a rather strong Christian, you had better think of something less taxing.

Personally, I should like to see some fine Christian young men in Hollywood. The one wife and loyal-to-Christ type, I hear they are needed. We certainly need some top actors and actresses in religious films. I'm sure your mother means well, but she doesn't know some of the fine Christian artists that I could name. It's your life, boy. God gave



Matthew 25
Our text is 2, 5, 18, 26, 38, 39 and 55 combined

ACROSS

- 2 and 5 "..... good and faithful servant" :23
- 8 Plane surfaces
- 9 "afraid, and went 'and thy talent" :25
- 10 "then ... my coming I should have received" :27
- 11 "went and ... with the same" :16
- 13 Traffic Manager (abbr.)
- 15 Ancestor of Jesus Luke 3:28
- 16 Half an em
- 17 Civic Works Administration (abbr.)
- 18 "enter ... into the joy of thy lord" :21
- 20 "and delivered unto them his ... s" :14
- 21 Type genus (abbr.)
- 23 New Testament (abbr.)
- 24 Centimeter (abbr.)
- 25 Established Church (abbr.)
- 27 "and ... shall have abundance" :29
- 28 "faithful over a ... things" :23
- 30 City of the Canaanites Josh. 8:1
- 32 and 52 down "and ... unto him which hath ten" :28
- 34 "weeping and gnashing ... Topographical Engineer (abbr.)
- 42 Southern State (abbr.) teeth" :30
- 36 Vibrations (Scot.)
- 38 "to another two, ... to another one" :15
- 39 "thou hast been ... over a few things" :21
- 43 Victorian Order (abbr.)
- 44 Elementary (abbr.)
- 45 Head (abbr.)
- 46 One of the Great Lakes
- 49 Short for Edward
- 50 "kingdom of heaven is ... a man travelling" :14
- 51 Average
- 54 Second tone in the scale
- 55 "Thou wicked and slothful

19 "he which had received the ... talent came" :24

20 Greatest common factor (abbr.)

22 "I have ... beside them five talents" :20

26 "who ... his own servants" :14

27 "taken away eve nthat which ... hath" :29

29 Married woman

31 "there thou hast that ... thine" :25

32 "and ... where, I have not strawed" :26

33 Vapor density (abbr.)

34 On account (abbr.)

35 "unto one he gave ... talents" :15

37 "I will make thee ... over many things" :21

39 "traveling into a ... country" :14

40 "... every man according ... his several ability" :15

42 Not as much

47 Comparative ending of some adjectives

48 "knew thee that thou art an hard ..." :24

51 Fourth tone in the scale

52 See 32 across

53 "cast ... the unprofitable servant into other darkness" :30

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After the death and resurrection of the Lord, His followers spread throughout the Mediterranean world and elsewhere telling the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. They made it their purpose to win others to their faith in the Saviour, so that they too could know the blessing of having their sins forgiven. They urged others to repent of their sins and turn to Christ. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3:19)

It was not long until these followers—all who demonstrated their faith in the risen Christ—became known as "Christians." Today the term "Christian" is sometimes used erroneously to apply to non-Hebrews, or to people of "good moral standing."

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Rev. John Gilbert Resigns Pastorship At Goodyear

Rev. John L. Gilbert has resigned as pastor of the Goodyear Church, Picayune.

The resignation will become effective March 25, at which time Mr. Gilbert will go to the First Church in Kenner, La.

Mr. Gilbert assumed the pastorate of the Goodyear church in August of 1954. Under his direction the baptistry of the church was built and paid for, the church remained out of debt, and 75 additions were made to it.

Before assuming the pastorate Mr. Gilbert was pastor of Baptist churches in Soso, South Laurel, and Santa Rosa and was a Navy Chaplain for two years before coming to Goodyear.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and the New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. Gilbert is married and has two children.

NEW NAME—NEW PASTOR—Reports Progress



Rev. Wm. G. Beam

Rev. W. G. (Gurney) Beam, former pastor of the Trinity Church, Fulton, has returned to Mississippi from LaHabra, California to assume the pastorate of the Calvary Church (formerly Ebenezer) at Belmont.

Mr. Beam is a native of Itawamba County. He graduated from Mississippi College, and the New Orleans Seminary. He has served in pastorates in several places in Mississippi before going to California.

Plans are being worked out for securing a pastor's home. The church, previously on a half time basis, is now full-time.

The EVERY FAMILY plan has been adopted and The Baptist Record, The Commission, and Southern Baptist Home Missions is being sent into each home. There have been 16 additions to the church recently.

Calvary has organized a W.M.U., Brotherhood, Training Union, Extension Department, and added a Cradle Roll Department to the Sunday School.

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Shown above is the primary department of the Steens Creek Church, Florence. The department was 100 per cent in attendance on Feb. 5 and on March 4. Mrs. Clarence White is the superintendent and Rev. Bob March the pastor.

Rev. T. L. Pfeifer Begins Ninth Year At Forty-First Ave.

On his eighth anniversary as pastor of Forty-First Avenue Church, Meridian, Rev. T. L. Pfeifer and his family celebrated Open House at the new pastorate.

Since Mr. Pfeifer's coming to the pastorate of Forty-First Avenue on the first Sunday in March, 1948, four additional buildings have been purchased, included the new pastorate mentioned above. The entire church plant has been renovated, including new carpets and tile on the floors and the installation of a Baldwin electric organ and thermostatic heat control. The resident membership has grown from 600 to 925.

There have been 814 additions to the church, 373 by baptism and 441 by letter. The church has led Lauderdale County in baptisms for five years. Last year the church was 13th in the number of baptisms among the churches of the state.

Mr. Pfeifer served as moderator of the association for five years and is now a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Last summer the church helped to send him to the Baptist World Alliance in London and to the Holy Land.

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"Far From Alone" Shows Youth Drink Problem

A new and "completely different" motion picture on the drinking question becomes available this week for use among church young people everywhere.

Titled FAR FROM ALONE, the 30-minute, color film deals in a realistic way with drinking pressures and the problems they create for today's youth.

The story centers around football star Bob Eston who is pressured into a public-opinion corner by the beer company sponsor of a sports-TV program. His own reaction, plus that of his fellow students, forms the basis for a plot that is good entertainment as well as discussion material.

Its sober and sensible treatment of an important youth problem will make it helpful to parent organizations, civic associations and other similar groups.

FAR FROM ALONE was produced by the Jam Handy Organization for the General Board of Temperance and the Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church. It is available for rental through the Methodist Publishing House, 100 Maryland Ave., N. E. Washington 2, D. C. (\$8.00 black and white, \$12.00 color).

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NELSON, New Zealand. (BP) — The Baptist Union of New Zealand recently bought 110,000 tracts and 1850 posters on stewardship and tithing through the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Albert McClellan, director of publications for the Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn., reported the large sale. The Union is using the material in its "Tithing Campaign Fund." It is employing two well-known slogans, "Every Baptist a Tither," and "Bring Ye All the Tithes."

Music Department

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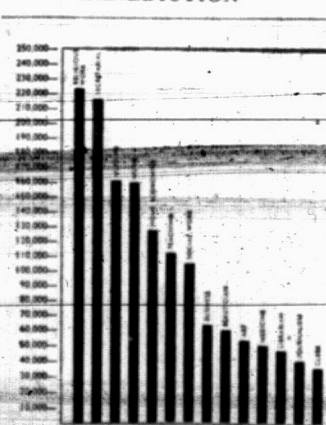
REGIONAL MUSIC FESTIVALS FOR 1958 under the direction of Department of Church Music Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
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PROGRAM

5:00 p.m.—Junior and Intermediate Hymn Playing Adjudication (Until Completed)
6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Sandwich Spread (See Instructions Below)
6:45-7:00—Warm-up period for Choirs, Ensembles, Instrumental Ensembles
7:00-7:15—Choral and Instrumental Registration
7:15 p.m.—Adjudication—All Children's Choirs
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Announcements and Promotions
8:00 p.m.—All other Choral and Instrumental Adjudication (Time is relative) (All groups will be in the auditorium to hear the other groups. In case of a large number of entries, sections will be formed to speed up the adjudication.)
8:45 p.m.—Twenty minute MASS CHOIR CONCERT
Time is relative!
9:05 p.m.—Announcement of Awards

BENEDICTION



The thirty-one vocations in which Southern Baptist girls, ages 13-16, are most interested are shown on the chart above. The graph was projected from 8,641 indications on the Career Inventory forms filled out in Training Union during the 1955 April Christian Education Emphasis. Five service-motivated fields—religion, nursing, teaching, social work, and medicine—drew more than one-third of all the selections of the girls. The vocational interest chart, showing indications of both boys and girls, is included in the materials for the 1956 April Christian Education Emphasis sent to all pastors by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Intermediate Training Union lesson for April 8 refers to this chart.

URGES CLERGY, DOCTORS COOPERATE IN SOLVING ALCOHOLISM, DIVORCE

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (RNS) — Chaplain Russell L. Dicks of Duke University Hospital, Durham, N. C., urged clergymen and physicians to work together to help solve alcoholism and divorce, which he termed "two of the greatest problems in American life."

Dr. Dicks addressed more than 4,000 hospital administrators and directors of welfare and health institutions attending the annual convention here of the American Protestant Hospital Association.

He said that an increasing number of men and women are "taking their troubles to their doctor instead of their pastor."

"These troubles include problems that are basically emotional and spiritual," the chaplain added, urging that medical and theological schools give more training to students for dealing with problems of marriage and alcoholism.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (BP)

It will take up to 43 hours by train to reach Kansas City from the most remote points in the Southern Baptist Convention. That's the one-way scheduled time from Miami and Los Angeles. The fare from Los Angeles is a little higher, however, if you are considering rail transportation to and from the Southern Baptist Convention. In brief, here are other sample rail times to Kansas City, one-way: New Orleans, 18 hours; Birmingham, 18 hours; San Francisco, 43 hours; Charlotte, N. C., 31 hours; Atlanta, 22 hours; Nashville, 15 hours; Phoenix, Ariz., 35 hours; and Washington, 27 hours.

Things are on the move at Merigold where Rev. D. E. McQuillis is the pastor. Recently they sent in a list of seven new names to be added to the EVERY FAMILY list of that church.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Washington, Greene Co.

One of the latest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Washington Church, in Greene County. Rev. O. U. Sullivan is the pastor.

The list was sent by Houston Breland, treasurer.

This means that from now on, 37 families of the Washington Church are going to keep up with Baptist affairs at home and abroad. That means that they will also take more interest in what Baptists are doing all over the world.

Record readers in Greene County are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH, 30; Avera, 12; CEDAR GROVE, 26; COUNTY LINE, 30; East Salem, 16; FELLOWSHIP, 27; JOHNSON CREEK, 20; Indian Hill, 11; LEAF, 27; LEAKESVILLE, 117; McLAIN, 70; Pine Level, 18; Pleasant Hill, 17; SAND HILL, 24; UNIFY, 23; WASHINGTON (NEELY), 37; WEST SALEM, 23.

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Center Hill Is No. 1148

Center Hill Church in DeSoto County is one of the newest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. Recently Rev. H. W. Harris was called to the pastorate of this church and one of the first things he did was suggest that the Baptist Record be made a part of the church program. The church agreed with him and now 23 families of this church located in DeSoto County are going to read about Baptist affairs at home and abroad week after week.

Record readers in DeSoto County are now listed as follows:

EUDORA, 85; HERNANDO, 101; HORN LAKE, 84; MACEDONIA, 25; NEW PROSPECT, 24; Oak Grove, 11; OLIVE BRANCH, 85; PLEASANT HILL, 21; TRINITY, 28; Gray's Creek, 1; CENTER HILL, 23; WALLS, 11.

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A Good Beginning Means a Good Ending

More and more of the newly organized churches in Mississippi are starting the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan as a part of their program. The latest new church to do this is the New Richton Road Church, which has been a mission under the care of the Petal-Harvey Church at Petal.

The pastor, Rev. T. W. Gandy, writes, "We, the new church, have adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. We feel that a church needs to be well-informed and the Baptist Record is an excellent means by which we can be."

This means that the pastor is going to start off with a group of informed Baptists.

Record readers in Forrest County are listed as follows: New Richton Road 13; BROOKLYN, 87; CARTERSVILLE, 60; DIXIE 79; ESTABUTCHIE, 22; GLENDALE, 68; GREEN'S CREEK, 45; HATTIESBURG: FIRST, 520; BOULE ST., 98; CENTRAL, 74; MAIN ST., 735; TEMPLE, 460; 28th AVE., 47; 58TH AVE., 132; 19th AVE., 55; IMMANUEL, 141; IRENE CHAPEL, 65; LAKEVIEW, 26; LUMBERTON, 152; McLAURIN, 44; MACEDONIA, 31; Mars Hill, 3; PETAL, FIRST, 73; PETAL-HARVEY, 210; PETAL, TEMPLE, 76; PROVIDENCE, 109; PURVIS, 167; RAWLES SPRINGS, 61; RIVER AVE., 50; SOUTH SIDE, 72; ZION HILL, 68; Fruitland Park, 2.

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Pictured above is Miss Anne Bailey, BSU Director for the Gilfoy School of Nursing, Baptist Hospital, Jackson, who will be a member of the "traveling team" for Baptist Focus Days at Miss. Southern, Hinds Jr. College and Southwest Jr. College, March 19-22.

Miss Bailey is to conduct a seminar on "Planning Workshop Programs and Socials," is to speak on "Personal Witnessing Through Personal Visitation" and on "Temptations of Students and How to Meet Them," and is to lead the fellowship periods at the different schools.

Campus News

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SOME FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS

1. WHAT A Brotherhood REALLY IS

A Brotherhood is, "two or more Baptist men working together at the tasks of their Church and Denomination"; or, "two or more Baptist men working at the job of building up and setting forward all that their Church and Denomination are endeavoring to accomplish." Any proper and adequate concept of Brotherhood must include men and work; or, in clearer perspective, "God's men doing God's work together with Him (1 Cor. 3:9). A Brotherhood exists for the work it can do. And its program of work is the God-given work of a New Testament church!"

2. What is a NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH?

A New Testament Church is, "A Body of Baptized Believers in Christ, Banded Together Voluntarily to Observe and Preserve the Ordinances Which Christ Has Given (Baptism and The Lord's Supper); and to carry out His Commission" (Matthew 28:18-20).

3. The MAJOR AREAS of Church Life and Work

The Total Work Program of a New Testament church may be divided into six major areas, as follows:

WORSHIP — The Area of Praise, Adoration, Devotion, and Reverence.
EDUCATION — The Area of Learning God's Word and God's will, and how to do His work.
EVANGELISM — The Area of Fruit Bearing.
STEWARDSHIP — The Area of Rendering.
BENEVOLENCE — The Area of Sharing.

WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE — The Area of Succession

4. HOW A Brotherhood Does its WORK:

A Brotherhood does its work by setting up Committees of two or more men to work in all of the six major areas of church life and work, and by assigning to each committee some particular items of work. So a Brotherhood should have the following committees:

- (1) WORSHIP COMMITTEE
- (2) EDUCATION COMMITTEE
- (3) EVANGELISM COMMITTEE
- (4) STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
- (5) BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE
- (6) ROYAL AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE

(Note: For the sake of present emphasis, the latest edition of the Brotherhood Guidebook is making the Royal Ambassador Committee the NUMBER ONE Committee in the above list of Brotherhood Work Committees.)

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BAPTIST PREACHER CONTINUES SEARCH FOR RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

(7th Century Baptist Press) NEWPORT, Rhode Island, (BP)—Obadiah Holmes, whose search for religious freedom began in England more than a decade ago, has moved to this thriving New England community and joined the Baptist church of Rev. John Clarke. It is still doubtful that Holmes will find the religious haven he seeks even in Newport, however. The extreme views of the Baptists are not popular in New England and they have faced the persecution of civil and church authorities in many areas.

A part-time minister, Holmes' first met opposition for his religious beliefs in England and fled to America about 1638, hoping to find greater tolerance for his views on individual religious liberty in the new world.

He first settled in Salem, Massachusetts, where he became a glass manufacturer. Holmes' first inkling of trouble ahead because of his religious stand came when his partner, a Quaker, was fined for his religious activities and almost lost his children to slavery when he was unable to pay the fine.

Four years ago Holmes was banished from Salem for his religious convictions about baptism and other Baptist doctrines and moved to Rehoboth, Rhode Island, near Providence.

At Rehoboth Reverend Clarke helped Holmes and others organize a Baptist church and

the former manufacturer was made pastor. For this move Holmes was excommunicated by the Puritan church to which he had belonged before he was banished from Salem.

Holmes' latest move to Newport followed a rift between him and authorities in Rehoboth for his religious activities there.

Born in England less than fifty years ago, Holmes comes from a well-to-do family. Two of his brothers are graduates of Oxford.

There are a number of motives underlying the persecution of Holmes and other Baptists. The group, though small, is unrelenting in its opposition to the Puritan church in this country — due in part to ties with the Church of England and for other beliefs and practices offensive to Baptists. In addition, the Baptist faith denounces infant baptism and discounts the baptism of other churches, insisting that all members accept their mode of immersion.

The Baptist stand on separation of church and state is particularly distasteful to the Puritans, who regard citizenship and church membership as inseparable. Thus Puritans charge that in rejecting infant baptism, Baptists not only place the souls of the infant in jeopardy, but rob him of citizenship as well.

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Milton Thornton

Shown above are two young people, members of the Pace Church, who recently surrendered to full-time Christian service. They are the first from that church to do so.

Milton Thornton, left, has answered the call to the ministry and was licensed by Pace



Charlotte Barr

Church on a recent Sunday. He is now a student at Mississippi State, but plans to enter Mississippi College next September.

Charlotte Barr, right, has surrendered to service wherever the Lord leads her. Rev. B. J. Broome is the pastor.



Rev. H. W. Harris

Center Hill Reports New Pastor, Progress

The Center Hill Church in the DeSoto Association called Rev. H. W. Harris as pastor in December, 1955.

He had been a member of the Winchester Church, Memphis, for a number of years, where he served as deacon and Sunday School Superintendent. He was licensed by that church into the ministry and ordained by the Leewood Church, Memphis.

Since Mr. Harris has been at Center Hill the Sunday School attendance has grown from 27 to 66, the highest in the

100 Churches Leading In Mission Gifts For First Quarter Of 1955-56

Listed below are the 100 churches leading in mission giving for the first quarter of this convention year—November, December, January. The first column shows the Cooperative Program contributions. The second column shows total mission gifts, which include Cooperative Program and designated contributions.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	TOTAL MISSION GIFTS
1. Jackson-First	1. Jackson-First
2. Jackson-Calvary	2. Columbus-First
3. Columbus-First	3. Jackson-Calvary
4. Meridian-First	4. Meridian-First
5. Tupelo-Calvary	5. Tupelo-Calvary
6. West Point-First	6. West Point-First
7. Gulfport-First	7. Jackson-Parkway
8. Piquette-First	8. Piquette-First
9. Jackson-Parkway	9. Laurel-First
10. New Albany-First	10. Hattiesburg-First
11. Brookhaven-First	11. McComb-First
12. Grenada-First	12. Gulfport-First
13. McComb-First	13. New Albany-First
14. Hattiesburg-First	14. Grenada-First
15. Hattiesburg-First	15. Natchez-First
16. Jackson-First	16. Leland-First
17. Vicksburg-First	17. Vicksburg-First
18. Columbia-First	18. Columbia-First
19. Laurel-First	19. Jackson-First
20. Meridian-First	20. Jackson-First
21. Poplar Springs-First	21. Hattiesburg-First
22. Pascagoula-First	22. Brookhaven-First
23. Pontotoc-First	23. Clarksdale-First
24. Kosciusko-First	24. Tylertown-First
25. Durant-First	25. Pascagoula-First
26. Yazoo City-First	26. Meridian-Poplar
27. Corinth-First	27. Pontotoc-First
28. Batesville-First	28. Jackson-Northside
29. Clarksdale-First	29. Yazoo City-First
30. Meridian-15th Ave.	30. Clinton-First
31. Tylertown-First	31. Meridian-First
32. Meridian-Highland	32. 15th Ave.
33. McComb-East	33. Kosciusko-First
34. Quitman-First	34. Batesville-First
35. Jackson-Northside	35. Canton-First
36. Crystal Springs-First	36. Forest-First
37. Jackson-First	37. Natchez-First
38. Van Winkle-First	38. Meridian-First
39. Philadelphia-First	39. Highland-First
40. Greenville-First	40. Corinth-First
41. Holly Springs-First	41. Greenville-First
42. Canton-First	42. Macon-First
43. Biloxi-First	43. Starkville-First
44. Natchez-First	44. Biloxi-First
45. Clinton-First	45. Moss Point-First
46. Moss Point-First	46. McComb-East
47. Jackson-Broadmoor	47. Prentiss-First
48. Meridian-41st Ave.	48. Hattiesburg-First
49. Tupelo-Harrisburg	49. Temple-First
50. Carthage-First	50. Holly Springs-First
51. Clarksdale-First	51. Carthage-First
52. Jackson-Crestwood	52. Meridian-First
53. Hollandale-First	53. Southside-First
54. Wiggins-First	54. Calhoun City-First
55. Winona-First	55. First-First
56. Calhoun City-First	56. Wayneboro-First
57. Hazlehurst-First	57. Moss Point-First
58. Flora-First	58. Morton-First
59. Jackson-First	59. Quitman-First
60. Alta Woods-First	60. Crystal Springs-First
61. Cleveland-First	61. First-First
62. Liberty-First	62. Blue Mountain-First
63. Hattiesburg-First	63. Lowry Memorial
64. Temple-First	64. Aberdeen-First
65. Greenville-Second	65. Oak Grove
66. West Point-Calvary	66. (Lauderdale)
67. Aberdeen-First	67. Philadelphia-First
68. Belzoni-First	68. Jackson-Ridgecrest
69. Indianola-First	69. Greenwood-First
70. Booneville-First	70. Jackson-Van
71. Jackson-First	71. Winkle-First
72. Ridgecrest-First	72. Lumberton-First
73. Biloxi-First	73. Hollandale-First
74. Sardis-First	74. Louisville-First
75. Morton-First	75. Laurel-First
76. Eupora-First	76. Second Ave.
77. Lumberton-First	77. Petal-Harvey
78. Greenwood-First	78. Cleveland-First
79. Calvary-First	79. Wiggins-First
80. Laurel-West	80. Brandon-First
81. Starkville-First	81. Hazlehurst-First
82. Charleston-First	82. Laurel-Highland
83. Meridian-First	83. 41st Ave.
84. Petal-Harvey	84. Winona-First
85. Ita Bena-First	85. Jackson-First
86. Forest-First	86. Alta Woods
87. Webb-First	87. Indianola-First
88. Water Valley-First	88. Jackson-First
89. First-First	89. Crestwood-First
90. Monticello-First	90. Sardis-First
91. Ruleville-First	91. Marks-First
92. Jackson-West	92. Greenwood-First
93. Prentiss-First	93. Second
94. Greenwood-First	94. Oxford-First
95. Moss Point-East	95. Magnolia-First
96. Lucedale-First	96. Charleston-First
97. Collins-First	97. Liberty-First
98. Okolona-First	98. Lucedale-First
99. Salem-Covington	99. Union-First
100. Amory-First	100. Bay Springs-First

Clinton Church Ordains Minister



Rev. Lenno Powell

Rev. Lenno Powell was recently ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Clinton Church. Mr. Powell is a 1955 graduate of Mississippi College. His home is in Malcolm, Alabama. He is serving as BSU Director at Holmes Junior College, and plans to enter New Orleans Seminary in the fall.

Rev. E. L. Douglas delivered the ordination sermon.

During his senior year, Mr. Powell served as president of the Baptist Student Union. Rev. Russell McIntire is pastor of the Clinton Church.

Cedar Grove Calls Maryland Pastor



Rev. Robert N. Smith

Rev. Robert N. Smith, native of Agricola, was recently called as pastor of the Cedar Grove Church, Leakesville.

He comes from First Church, Gaithersburg, Maryland, where he has been pastor for the past year.

Mr. Smith was ordained last year at the Wisconsin Avenue Church in Washington, D. C.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Levi Ayers and Jim Ayers, Kosuth; Rev. C. L. Bryant, Hickory Flat; Rev. W. R. Storie and Rev. Felix Snipes, Jackson; Rev. Gilmer E. Jolly, Sylva; Ken Faulkner, Knoxville, Tennessee; Helen Fairley, Gulfport; Henry Luke, Union; Donald Brown, Laurel; Jewel Hannah, Hattiesburg; Audrey Hart, Oxford; Nick Abdo, Oxford; and David M. Owen, Oxford.

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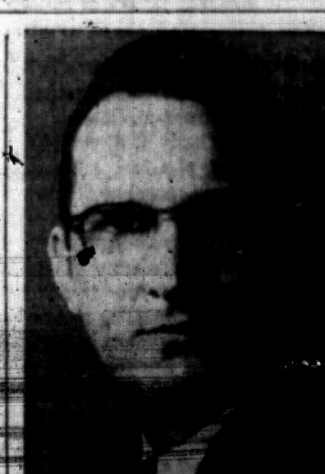
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Blue Mtn. Revival To Be March 18-25

Dr. J. William Harbin, pastor of the First Church, New Albany, will be the preacher for a series of services at the Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, on March 18-25. Rev. Paul Adams, minister of music of the 15th Avenue Church, Meridian, will lead the singing. Dr. Harbin came to New Albany last fall from a pastorate in his native South Carolina. He received his Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary. He church's history. Prayers services were initiated and attendance has grown from 20 to 35. The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY plan has been made a part of the church program. Mr. Harris is married and the father of two children.



Dr. J. William Harbin

Has previously held positions in Kentucky and in Indiana.

Rev. Joseph N. Triplett is the pastor of the Lowrey Memorial Church.

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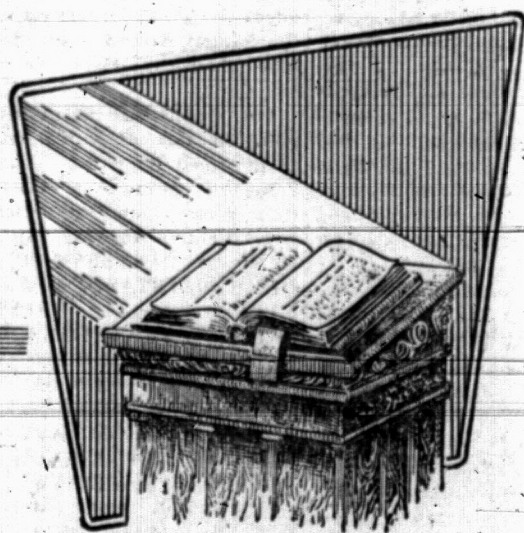
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Six Laymen To Lead Calvary (Belmont) Revival



SPEAKERS FOR THE LAYMEN'S REVIVAL, CALVARY CHURCH, BELMONT. Left to right, Charlie Mayhall, Holland Little, Dr. R. L. Senter, James E. Sandlin, Melvin Steele, and A. D. Graham. Dick Senter is not pictured.

Calvary Baptist Church, Belmont, plans a Laymen's Revival March 19-25. The services are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday, and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The pastor, William G. Beam, will bring the message Sunday morning, March 25. All other messages will be delivered by laymen. All laymen are members, or former members, of Trinity Church, Fulton. The speakers and their subjects are as follows:

Monday: "My Church and Its Organizations" Holland Little; Tuesday: "My Church, Bible Reading, and Prayer," Dr. R. L. Senter; Wednesday: "My Church and My Talents" James E. Sandlin and A. D. Graham; Thursday: "My Church and My Testimony," Charlie Mayhall; Friday: "My Church and Money" Mr. Melvin Steele; Sunday: "My Church and Missions" Mr. Dick Senter.

A film strip on some phase of our mission work will be shown each evening in the early part of the service.

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There are no traffic jams on the straight and narrow way.

New Tract For Morality Crusade

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB)—Dr. K. Owen White, pastor First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., wrote the tract for the second quarterly emphasis of Southern Baptists' Crusade for Christian Morality.

Entitled, *Keep Thyself Pure*, it is on the need for Christian standards of thought, speech, and behavior, with special re-

ference to relationships between the sexes. This is the second of three quarterly tracts on the subjects emphasized in the Crusade for 1956.

Copies of this tract, and of the first in the series, *Can You Be Trusted?* are available to churches on application to the Tract Editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville 3, Tenn.

SB Vacation Schools Are Winning Children

DALLAS, Tex. (RNS)—More than 500,000 children have been won to Christ through vacation Bible schools conducted by Southern Baptist teachers and workers in the last ten years, Dr. Homer L. Grice of Nashville, Tenn., said here.

Former head of the vacation Bible school department of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Grice spoke at a clinic attended by 400 Texas VBS workers.

He said that last year alone Southern Baptists conducted 25,458 vacation schools with a total enrollment of 1,647,000 children

and 503,000 workers.

Texas Baptists had a total of 331,296 children enrolled last year, with 85,930 workers looking after them.

Dr. Grice said the vacation Bible schools have cost the denomination \$1,750,000 during the last decade.

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Drop a word of cheer and kindness;

just a flash, and it is gone; But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on.

—James W. Foley

"Going Fast!" Committee Says of Convention Rooms

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (BP) — "Going fast!" That's the word here on housing accommodations for the Southern Baptist Convention.

All room space in first-class hotels listed by the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce has been taken, the local Baptist arrangements committee reports.

A few rooms may still be available in hotels, not listed by the Chamber of Commerce, but which the arrangements committee has checked and found suitable.

These are not downtown, but are close to public transit. Alard Garren, Calvary Baptist Church, 3921 Baltimore Ave., may be contacted about these hotels.

Good motel rooms, which are still available, are rapidly being taken off the available list by Convention-goers. These are within 40-minute driving range of Municipal Auditorium, the meeting place.

The committee assigning rooms in private homes says it's "swamped" with requests. William Bolick, Mt. Washington Baptist Church, 9621 Independence Ave., should be contacted about these.

Bolick says those applying for accommodations in private residences should specify in their first letter the names of all individuals coming, including children, plus the hour they expect to arrive and depart.

Based on advance reservations, the local committee has prepared 15,000 registration tags for Southern Baptist Convention sessions. The Woman's Missionary Union is preparing 6000 for its annual meeting which precedes Convention meetings.

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Men show their character in nothing more clearly than by what they think laughable.

—Goethe

It may be well to remind ourselves that we can't go the second mile until we have gone the first.

Fancher Called To Bay Springs Church



Rev. James Fancher

Rev. James Fancher, pastor of the Harpersville Church for two years, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Bay Springs Church. He is expected to assume his duties by April 1.

Bay Springs Church has been without a pastor since the death of Dr. C. W. Jones on September 17, 1955. Dr. Howard Spell, dean of men at Mississippi College, has been interim pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fancher are natives of Louisville, and both are graduates of Mississippi College. Mr. Fancher attended New Orleans Seminary for two years and then went to Golden Gate Seminary in California, where he received his B. D. degree. Mrs. Fancher received her Master of Religious Education degree.

Mr. Fancher has held pastorates in Marion County and in California.

During his pastorate at Harpersville and Ridge there have been 44 additions by baptism and 24 by letter. Harpersville has built a new plant at a cost of \$40,000 and made increases in pastor's salary and in mission gifts. Building improvements have also been made at the Ridge Church.

A Talk With Satan

Editor's note: We give below an imaginary conversation between Dr. R. Loftin Hudson, pastor of the Wornall Road Church, Kansas City, Mo. and Satan.

Title: Talk With Satan. Time: Sunday morning about 10:40. Place: Pastor's Study.

Satan: "Got a good sermon all written out here, eh?"

Pastor: "Oh, I wouldn't say that it is good, but I have worked on it."

Satan: "Yeah, I heard the one last Sunday—O I was there, I go every Sunday." (Pastor looks surprised) "Sure I go to church. I've got to watch that worship service. It is dangerous. It has possibilities."

Pastor: "Dangerous? How so?"

Satan: "Come, come, Doctor, you know what I mean."

Pastor: "Not if you meant to say that the worship service of my church is dangerous." (Satan breaks into a knowing grin)

Satan: "O I see what you mean. Ho! Ho! Reverend Sir, you haven't forgotten that we are on the opposite sides of the fence. You endanger me and my program just as much as I endanger yours. But let's not be sulky about it. You are always so serious. Brother."

Pastor: "Don't call me Brother, and I can't help it if I believe that preaching is serious business. I'm not morose or sad or—what business is it of yours if I am?"

Satan: (Very cheerfully) "Don't be angry, Pastor. This is nothing new to see you and me at odds."

Pastor: (Severely) "Thank you. I'm glad."

Satan: (Meditatively) "You know, I rather like you. I think I'll let you in on one of my trade secrets."

Pastor: "Pardon me, but just before I go into the pulpit I am not interested in anything but preaching."

Satan: "This is about the worship service."

Pastor: "What do you have to do with my preaching? I'm running that, by the help of God, if you don't mind."

Satan: (Sniggers and hesitates) "I wonder if I ought to tell you?"

Pastor: "If it's about the service which we have planned for about ten minutes from now,

I doubt if I'll believe it. This is God's service. You don't have anything to do with this."

Satan: (Hilariously and defiantly) "Yeah? That did it, I will tell you. It is one of my tricks that is rarely suspected."

Pastor: "Hurry up, I haven't much time and I'm nervous."

Satan: "Do you know that I have talked almost fifty per cent of some of your Sunday School classes into skipping the whole worship service, just walking right out home, calmly, cheerfully, even with a good conscience? Look out the window. You can see for yourself."

Pastor: "I thought you were going to tell me a secret."

Satan: "But wait. Did you know that I am not talking about children, or non-church members, or sick people? Not even about the few who have to go to work..."

Pastor: "Good church members, huh?"

Satan: "I call them good. When they get home, some member of the family will ask them if they have been to church and they will say yes. I even saw a deacon leave just a minute ago, and occasionally I get one of your Sunday School teachers to leave. Think that one over."

Pastor: "Why don't you leave me alone?"

Satan: "Since you are nice enough to talk with me, I'll tell you another secret. I don't care how much boys and girls and grown people study the Bible if it never leads to church membership and to regular worship. You see, they think they are religious because they discuss the Bible. That suits me fine!"

Pastor: "Oh, I see. That is why you called the worship service dangerous?"

Satan: "Now you catch! You see if I can get church members to go home after Sunday School, I cut down on your recruiting work. You see my program is two-fold. Cripple the saint and confuse the sinner. Both of these are accomplished when I can cut down on worship services. Who do you think cut out the Sunday night services in many churches? I did. Who tries to keep you from studying every week? I do."

Pastor: "Listen, I've got no more time for chit-chat. My parting reply to you is, kindly go back where you belong."

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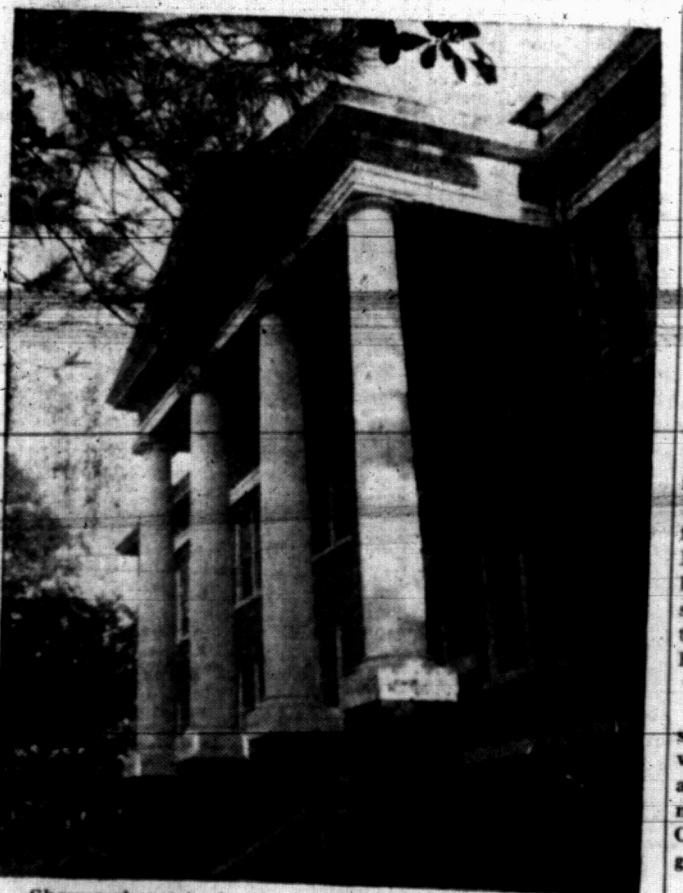
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Wm. Carey College Serves Large Area



Shown above is front view of administration Building of William Carey College, which will be one of the institutions to benefit from the current Baptist Education Building Fund campaign to raise \$2,500,000 for the critical building needs of Mississippi Baptist educational institutions.

By President I. E. Rouse

William Carey College is dedicated to God for Christian leadership training. The day calls for Christ-minded, world-minded, leadership in every walk of life. William Carey is strategically located in the southern part of the state to serve the Baptist youth in that area. We are faced now with the imperative demand for buildings.

William Carey College needs a library building and also a natural science building. The library and science room requirements could be in one building, although this is not preferred. The school, also needs another dormitory for boys and one for girls. These buildings are needed by next September. These housing facilities are set up in our present

state-wide program. These buildings are a minimum requirement for immediate use.

William Carey College offers a major in physical education for those in teacher training who specialize in physical education. The physical education major requires, also, a gymnasium. The gymnasium is not included in the building needs as listed in the present program but, in view of the fact that our program is to last for five years, I think it should be included in our expansion program.

William Carey College, on the great gulf coast fringe, is in the midst of a population area of approximately five million people and demands will tend to enlarge the school to 1,000 in the foreseeable future. Therefore,

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First Church, Columbus must have been having many additions during the past few weeks, and the Baptist Record has the evidence to prove it. They recently added 61 new names to their EVERY FAMILY list.

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Five girls from the Baptist Orphanage, Carol Jean Bates, Alene Bridges, Patsy Hankins, Dixie Nell Penton and Edna Stacey, who are members of the Choral Group of Central High School, attended the District Sex Choral Music Festival in Vicksburg on March 8 and 9. These young ladies were over-night guests on Thursday Night in the homes of the friends and members of the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg. This kindness made possible by Dr. John G. McCall, the Pastor and Mr. Ellis Bryan, Educational Director.

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Rev. Pete Steelman, for past several years pastor of Calvary Church, Starkville, has accepted the pastorate of the newly organized Calvary Church in Macon. He is a graduate of Mississippi College.

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FORT WORTH — (BP) — The Radio and Television Commission says that for \$5, you may record the proceedings of both the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, this year. Reservations for recorder space at the Pastors' Conference and the Convention should be made by April 15, according to Clarence Duncan, Commission promotion director. The Radio-TV Commission will provide the necessary tapes at cost, meaning that all you have to do to record the proceedings is bring the recorder. The Commission also will record the two meetings and sell

while our campaign is directed towards meeting the minimum requirements, we here also think in terms of the long distance requirements. A library, additional class rooms, and two dormitories might presently be regarded as their irreducible minimum.

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these tapes to interested persons, if you prefer to handle it this way rather than do your own recording.

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According to the monthly report from the SBC Executive Committee, Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary, the February, 1956 Cooperative Program receipts from Mississippi were \$40,746.12 and designated gifts were \$157,056.26, make a total of \$197,802.38.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Pat Bracey, Wesson; S. I. Fall, Sandersville; Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Ross, Stoneham; Fred McDonald, Hillsboro; Danny Stubbs, Harpersville; Kermit Walters, Harpersville; Rev. E. J. Slonaker, Mendenhall; Rev. E. L. Scruggs, State Line; Rev. M. H. Waltman, Waynesboro.

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Anyone having difficulty in securing rooms at Ridgcrest during the coming summer may contact Mrs. Tom Walters at Stedman, North Carolina. Mrs. Walters writes that she has rooms available for all the weeks at Ridgcrest except the Training Union weeks. She can accommodate big and small groups, with and without house-keeping facilities. Her rooms and cottages are just a five-minute walk from the Assembly grounds. Inquiries should be addressed to Mrs. Walters at Stedman, North Carolina.

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The Orphanage family has added twelve children to their ever-growing number. Some things may be "cheaper by the dozen", but this is not true in child-care, the larger the family the more it costs to operate the Home. The children who have recently come to the Orphanage to make their home are: Jerold Edward Ferrell, Michael James Ferrell and Martha Elaine Ferrell from Attala County; Robert Mose Whithead; Elizabeth Roberta Whitehead, and Betty Jane Whitehead from Marshall County; Donald Laverne Tidwell, Charles Whitfield Tidwell, Geneva Mae Tidwell, Ina Lee Tidwell and Jenny Mae Tidwell from Panola County; Wessie Mae Duncan from Walthall County.

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Highland Church at Crystal Springs in Copiah County is another church that is making progress. Recently 12 additional names were sent for their EVERY FAMILY list.

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Another church that seems to be making excellent progress is the Paynes Church in Tallahatchie County. They recently added 27 new names to their EVERY FAMILY list. That's Progress.

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CLANTON, Ala. — (BP) — Jadie Thomas, pastor of Milton Baptist Church, suffered a heart attack while conducting the Sunday morning worship service and died two days later in a Clanton hospital. Pastor Thomas had knelt to lead the congregation in prayer when he suddenly fell over on his side, unconscious.

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A full-time program with the pastor living among the people has proven valuable to the Liberty Church in Winston Association. The attendance in Sunday School and Training Union has increased until it has become necessary to plan for more educational space. A Brotherhood was recently organized. Rev. Paul Wilson is the pastor.

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The Baptist Record is in receipt of a copy of the resolutions recently adopted by the Beech Grove Church, Union Association, commending Sheriff Malcolm N. Montgomery for his efforts in the suppression of crime in the county. The resolutions cite the fact that our state can be made a better place in which to live and bring up our young people in an atmosphere of right living with sincere effort to enforce our laws. The church also pledges its wholehearted support to help him in any way that they can. Special mention was made of the sheriff's stand on the liquor question. The resolutions were signed by the pastor, Rev. Sam Barfoot and Mrs. E. H. Jones, clerk pro-tem.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of renewal subscriptions from Sardis Church. The list was sent by the church treasurer, H. E. Dees.

Australians did not take kindly to the "worldwide deliverance mission" brought into their midst by Oral Roberts, evangelist-faith healer from Oklahoma.

Disorder and heckling brought to an untimely end the revival he and his team were conducting in Melbourne's Yarra park. Explaining the sudden cancellation, the team's publicity director compared Roberts to the Apostle Paul and Melbourne to Ephesus.

Paul in Acts 19: 30-31, he said, the team insisted that Roberts should not expose himself to further danger.

—The Christian Century

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Yazoo County Association which met in 35th annual session with the Concord Church on October 19 and 20, 1955. The next session is to be held with the Tinsley Church on Oct. 25 and 26. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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BELTON, Tex. — (BP) — Amelia K. Lee, grand-daughter of Korea's last king, will enter Mary Hardin-Baylor College here to study music. Miss Lee, who already has a B. A. degree from Ewha Girls' School, Seoul, Korea, will seek a bachelor's degree in music at this Baptist college. The 25-year-old soprano is being sponsored by R. E. Streetman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Coleman, Tex. Streetman's son, David, met her in 1955 at the Seoul Military Post Library, where she has worked for the last three years. Her grandfather, Emperor Yi, abdicated his throne in 1910 after the Japanese annexed Korea. Her grandmother was slain in 1895 by Japanese soldiers.

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The Baptist Record has received a copy of the program of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference which is to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, May 28-29, just prior to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evening and close at 9:10 p.m. on Tuesday. Names of speakers include some that have not so far as we recall appeared on this program before. Also, speak on Tuesday afternoon.

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STATE BOULEVARD ORDAINS THREE

State Boulevard Church, Meridian, on Sunday night, March 4 ordained Rev. J. C. Warren and Rev. Samuel M. Davis to the full gospel ministry and ordained Wade T. Cross as a deacon.

Ordained ministers and deacons from other Baptist churches in the area composed the ordination council.

On the program were: Dr. H. C. Bass, who charged the church and candidates and led the ordination prayer; Deacon J. W. Marshall, who presented the Bible to the preachers; and the pastor, Rev. W. H. Henderson, who preached the ordination sermon.

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FORT WORTH, Tex. — (BP)

A Baptist deacon and British government official has sold a collection of 9,000 rare books and pamphlets to Southwestern Baptist Seminary here. The collection recently arrived at the seminary and will be shelved in the new wing of Fleming Library, now under construction.

Ernest W. Brown, who served in four British cabinets including that of Winston Churchill, was the seller. Brown has served as president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. He is a member of Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London.

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